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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Into the swing — Ernie Paicopolos and his buddies are taking a crack at launching a new Web site. Dubbed fenwaynation.com, the site is devoted to rational discussion of the irrational — the Boston Red Sox, who Tuesday launched one of their most eagerly anticipated seasons ever with a 2-0 victory over Seattle.

As BoSox season begins, so does fan's Web site Hard(ball) wired

By Neil Fater

Though he's happy the Red Sox kicked off their season with Pedro Martinez holding the Mariners to just two hits Tuesday night, Andover resident Ernie Paicopolos is hoping his new Web site gets a whole lot more.

A dyed-red-in-the-wool Sox fan, Paicopolos has launched fenwaynation.com, a Web site devoted exclusively to the hometown team.

Paicopolos is editor-in-chief, and he's joined on the editorial board by a handful of his Fenway-loving friends.

"It's a bunch of guys who have been Red Sox fanatics for years," says Paicopolos. "We decided there wasn't a place where we could shoot the breeze about the Red Sox, and kind of share it with the world. I floated the idea by them and they were pretty excited about it."

The Web site offers the editorial board's opinions on the Sox, the latest game summary on the Sox, a poll question on the Sox, a chance for readers to submit a "Rant of the Week" about the Sox and links to other Web

articles on the Sox.

In other words, it really gets into the Carmine Hose.

"But not necessarily into all the negativity and the sniping," says Paicopolos. "It's an outlet for the 'responsible' Red Sox fan to vent and to read our venting, and to discuss it, hopefully in a more intelligent way."

As you might have guessed, Paicopolos is a Red Sox season ticket holder, and has been for 10 years. But he says he only goes to a relatively reasonable 15 games a year.

"I like to think I have it in perspective, but it's probably one step behind family. I don't think I'm that obsessive, but I'm just kind of a general fan of other sports. (The Sox) is just an ingrained thing," he says.

In fact, Paicopolos has the ticket stubs from the first Sox game he ever attended, a 1956 game against the old K.C. A's, hanging on one of his walls. He was a 5-year-old boy when he saw that game, and this year he intends to bring his own son to Fenway for

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Three finalists for Andover High Principal attractions

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A former Andover teacher is one of three finalists selected by a search committee to become the next principal of Andover High School.

Finalists Marilyn Hurwitz, principal of Marblehead High School; Michael Jones, principal of Maynard High School; and Peter Anderson, principal of Northwood Middle School in Woodstock, Ill., will be visiting Andover early next week to meet with the public.

According to Personnel Director Candace Hall, Andover's superintendent will review comments from the public the week after candidates visit, and may announce a decision shortly after school vacation, which ends April 23.

Unlike the interviews for the superintendent of schools, the principal candidates' formal interviews will be private.

Candidates contacted by the *Townsmen* say Andover's high caliber faculty and wide spread

parent involvement are both reasons they want work in Andover.

Hurwitz was not available for comment.

Anderson, who also coached football and hockey, began his teaching career at Andover East Junior High School in 1968. He taught in Andover until 1982. He also served as a department chair and program adviser for English.

Anderson says he is not actively pursuing many jobs.

"But I'm looking for a challenge, and for a chance to return something to the community," says Anderson.

He remembers Andover as a "competitive" school district with a lot of parental involvement.

"It's the kind of place where people are glad to work," he says.

His work as a principal has been focused on raising student performance and revamping the

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Chief supports arrests at teen party Arresting developments

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While students who say they weren't drinking at a party last weekend but were arrested anyway believe police should use more discretion in deciding whom to arrest, police are advising those teenagers to choose their company more carefully.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo says he supports the decision of the officers at the scene who arrested 23 youths at a Whispering Pines home last weekend and charged them all with being minors in possession of alcohol.

"We try to look at the circumstances as a whole," says Pattullo, and in this case, arresting everyone at the party was the

right thing to do, he says.

Pattullo is concerned that students hear mixed messages. Some parents or other adults in the community encourage kids to designate a driver, while police say teenagers shouldn't need a designated driver in the first place.

Andover High School senior Michael DaSilva says that as a member of school programs GUTS (Growing Up, Taking a Stand) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), he was taught not only to make the right choices, but to look out for others who didn't. He says the programs are endorsed by Andover police.

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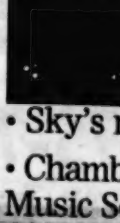
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Turn, turn, turn — TV cowpoke Rex Trailer shows off a rope trick to resident Carolyn Abagis, while stopping by Andover's MediaOne cable studio Monday. Trailer and Abagis were taping a show highlighting local talent that will air later this spring on Andover cable channel 22.

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TIP gets its just praise

When the Justice Department was looking for a program to honor for helping victims of trauma, someone must have tipped them off.

TIP (Trauma Intervention Program) of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. won the Crime Victim Service Award, according to Kathryn M. Turman, Director of the Office for Victims of Crime division at the U.S. Justice Department.

The Merrimack Valley's TIP director, Jayan Conlin, says the award "is really a statement of all the volunteers' efforts."

The national TIP program has 20 chapters nationwide, but TIP of the Merrimack Valley is the only chapter on the East Coast. They are also the only TIP chapter to incorporate as a private, non-profit corporation.

The local TIP team includes 23

on-call volunteers, who have handled a 300-percent increase in the volume of calls since the group opened its lines seven years ago, Conlin says.

While it's designed to help victims of trauma in Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence, it's beginning to respond to regional requests from Reading, North Reading, Westford, and Worcester, she says.

Publications TIP has produced have also been sold nationally, including *Michael's Story*, a book written to help a child

deal with the loss of a parent.

Conlin says that as publicity increases, her staff and volunteers will continue to work behind the scenes with families in crisis, in situations "where the cameras don't go."



Jayan Conlin
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Alarming requests steam firefighters

A familiar problem has returned, and it has some firefighters seeing red.

A fundraising group calling itself the Massachusetts Firefighters Association is calling Andover residents asking them for money it says will help local firefighters.

But none of the money will go to Andover's firefighters.

Andover Lieutenant Jim Cutichhia says Andover's firemen and women have no relation to this group.

"We aren't affiliated with them, we don't know who they are and we don't receive any direct benefit from them," he says.

Cutichhia says that outside of the firefighters union approaching businesses for equipment on occasion, "The only fundraising Andover firefighters do is related to the firefighters' ball in the fall."

He says that residents who receive a soliciting call, or who have a question can call him at the fire station at 475-1281.

- Neil Fater

YES, you can

The YES PAC (Parent Advisory Council), which is supporting the construction of two new schools at Cross Street and High Plain Road, will host a forum at Old Town Hall on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is designed to allow residents to ask questions, view the plans and drawings and talk to town officials, including the School Building Committee members, about the building project which is slated to be voted on at the April Town Meeting.

Complimentary coffee and donut holes will be available. There will be a special door prize drawing.

The play's the thing

Residents can see some of the best young actors that New England has to offer at the New England High School Drama Festival, April 17-19, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts. The Collins Center is attached to Andover High School, off Shawsheen Road.

Over 300 student performers and technical crew from the six New England states are involved in this annual showcase of high school drama talent.

Restitution bill favored

A bill designed to exempt Holocaust restitution payments to Massachusetts Holocaust survivors and their heirs from state taxes was unanimously approved by the state House last week, says Andover state Rep. Barry Finegold.

Fifty years after the Holocaust, European banks and firms are finally returning the stolen assets of many survivors.

This money represents family heirlooms, bank accounts and artwork that was looted by the Nazis, says Finegold's office. In some cases this money represents assets directly stolen by the Nazis. In other cases it is money that was deposited in Swiss banks by Holocaust survivors for protection from the Nazis, that was later not able to be withdrawn.

For the record

Due to incomplete information furnished to the *Townsmen*, the name of Tony Tomaszczuk was omitted from the photo of the Andover Pee Wee Ones youth hockey team that appeared on page 38 of the March 30 edition.

Tony was in the second row, between Dan Ravens and Matt Quinlan.

Quote, unquote . . .

'Im not doing this just for myself. I want them to let everyone else have a chance. If they want to play, let 'em play."

Angelica Rotsart, talking about her interest in playing baseball at Andover High School.

'You don't expect to go to a church service and have people turn around with funny noses and glasses on."

South Church parishioner Ed Parker on the alternative, early Saturday evening service, South Winds.

'Of course, I'm not too popular with the kids."

Bancroft Elementary School Principal Norah McCarthy, after explaining she has temporarily closed the beloved Dragon's Lair playground as a safety precaution.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 6

School Building Committee, third floor conference room, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Zoning Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 10

Board of Health, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Doherty Middle School Council, McGrail Media Center, Doherty Middle School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11

Preservation Commission, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular

meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:15 p.m.

Finance Committee, third floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 13

Commission on Disabilities, second floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Senior Center Building Committee, Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, first floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

Conservation Commission, third floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Preservation Commission, second floor conference room, 5:30 p.m.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was: Should there be a moratorium on the construction of new sidewalks until the town develops a master plan for them?

With modest returns, the poll shows that Andover residents who responded want to hold off on building new sidewalks, voting in favor of a moratorium 23-12, as of early Wednesday morning.

This week's question is: Is a cut-and-dry zero tolerance policy the right approach for dealing with underage drinking?

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She also hopes a recent mention as one of the top 100 charities in the *Catalog of Philanthropy* will help expand the program.

The Crime Victim Service Award, signed by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno, will be presented locally by state Sen. James Jajuga, Conlin says.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

Hot for teachers, and ready to write about it

Phillips Academy graduate Emily Moore, a teacher who lives in New York City, launched a national-level lament last week at the lack of respect for teachers.

She wrote a "My Turn" column for *Newsweek* magazine April 3, called "Why Teachers Are Not 'Those Who Can't'."

In the piece, she chronicles the responses she has received from many people when they find out she is a PA grad, and a Princeton grad magna cum laude.

"But you have such a good degree! Why waste it teaching?" she says she has been asked in more ways than one.

Moore then asks "Who would you rather have teaching your children?"

She chose the profession because she loves

it, and has adored her students, she says.

"Naturally, there were downsides. On bad days, I felt I was preaching to a swarm of gnats. Yet as wretched as my students could be, it's been far more distressing to be told by adults that I

have wasted my degree," she writes.

She says she looks forward to the day when teachers are as rewarded outside the classroom — with higher salaries and greater respect — as they are within the classroom.

—Rebecca Lipchitz



Those were the days — Mary Shiebler, of Andover, brought this photo to the *Townsmen* recently. Taken Valentine's Day 1927, it shows what was then the Park Street Lunch. That's her father, proprietor Frank E. Ward, in the foreground, and her sisters, Rose and Alice Ward, at the counter. Back in those days, you could get a chicken dinner for 60 cents a plate. Today, the location is used by Justin's of Andover, a restaurant and bar.

In soccer passion play, TV host nets new coach

If there are heavyweights in soccer, Andover's John Nourse will find them, and put them on his show.

The soccer enthusiast and professional coach who hosts a television program, *1V1*, broadcast on MediaOne, this month added Fernando Clavijo to his list of distinguished guests.

Clavijo is head coach of the New England Revolution Major League Soccer Team.

Clavijo, a native of Uruguay, talked with Nourse about the upcoming season for the Revolution, including new players and strategy for the 32-game season from March to September.

The show will air on Channel 8 Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. until April 20, and may be continued further, Nourse says.

He hopes Andover's passion for soccer will grow with, if not faster than, America's growing passion for soccer.

As soccer coach at Waltham High School and a licensed NSCAA soccer coach, Nourse says he has seen the number of students trying out for soccer double over the last three years.

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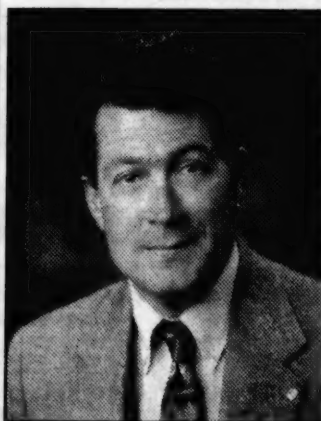
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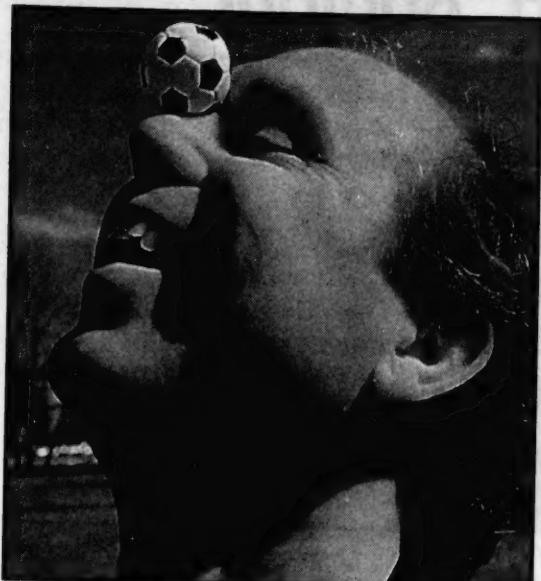
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Nourse mythology — Cable host, coach and player John Nourse seems to have his nose into all things soccer.

have only made the playoffs once in their five years of existence, they still maintain the second highest attendance rate in the league.

"They get more draw than the Bruins," he says.

The phenomenon is partly due to the passion soccer inspires in so many fans, Nourse says. But the Revolution do play at Foxboro Stadium, which seats more than three times the number of people as the FleetCenter.

"A lot of people refer to it as 'the beautiful game.' It's the kind of sport that you either love or not. There's not a lot of middle ground," Nourse says of soccer.

But Nourse also says he has heard from local viewers who are not normally interested in soccer that they enjoyed his show.

"If you can hold the interest of those people, you know you're getting the job done. When you have a passion for something, people pick up on that," he says.

Nourse says Clavijo was so excited about the show he may try to help Nourse feature more Revolution players on the program.

Meanwhile, teams are gearing up for World Cup qualifier games which begin this summer, Nourse says.

The World Cup soccer championship has been played every four years since 1930. The next match is 2002.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

When selectmen attack

Ted Teichert, you've just won a spot on the Board of Selectmen. What are you going to do?

Well, if you're Teichert, you go to the drawing board and figure out how you can use your narrow 20-vote victory as part of an April Fool's prank.

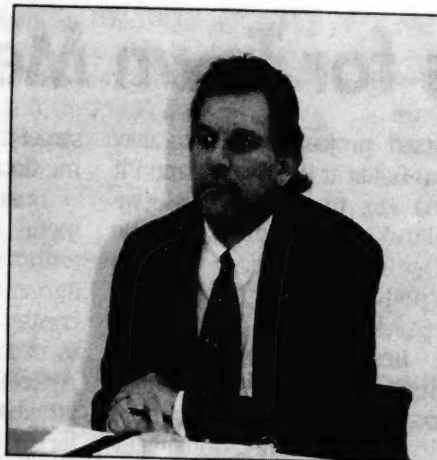
Teichert, a near-legendary practical joker among friends, spent April Fool's Day calling people and telling them that someone had called for a recount of the election.

"He got his mother really bad," says friend and now fellow selectman Lori Becker. "He's the biggest practical joker around. I don't know why people don't know not to talk to him on April Fool's."

Teichert also "got" Fire Lt. Jim Cuticchia.

"He caught me off guard," says Cuticchia. "He played it up pretty well. He had me going for about five minutes on the phone."

Cuticchia chuckles at the joke, but



Ted Teichert appears thoughtful here at his first selectmen's meeting, but is he just planning for next April 1?

also warns, "I have a long memory and that payback is going to come back to get him — and it won't be on April 1 either."

—Neil Fater



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Planning preps for Town Meeting

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Planning Board members last week recommended approval of Annual Town Meeting warrant articles, including a parking garage study and a sidewalk construction and reconstruction project.

They also voted 3-2 not to take a position on Article 29, Land acquisition at Lewis Street and Buxton Court, to buy three residences adjacent to the current town yard.

Planning Director Steve Colyer says the Downtown Parking Needs and Garage Study, Article 79, is "not intended to be 'just another study.'"

"It would appropriate \$30,000 for a more in-depth and exhaustive analysis of the downtown parking system, including a feasibility study for a parking structure in the most effective and appropriate location," he says.

Passage of the sidewalk restoration program (Article 66), which would be implemented by the Department of Public Works, would approve \$600,000 for sidewalk construction and repair.

Board members unanimously

supported projects to create new playing fields at the Essex Sand Pit (Article 28); to acquire conservation land at Brundrett Avenue (Article 36); to transfer land to AVIS at Far Corners II, off Bailey Road (Article 45); and to create the "good neighbor" zoning by-law amendment that requires public hearing notices across town lines for wireless communications facilities, such as cell towers (Article 73).

Board members unanimously approved Article 27, funding for various town and school projects, including development of the towns Geographic Information System (GIS).

They voted 3-2 to support Article 32, \$1.5 million for buying selected properties deemed critical to open space and watershed protection.

They also voted to support street acceptances of Articles 46 through 60, and articles 62 and 65.

To avoid the lengthy process of approving each street acceptance individually, board members also recommended approval of Article 61. It would "streamline" the street acceptance process, but residents could still approve the acceptances

street-by-street, on the Town Meeting floor if necessary, says Colyer.

Board members also recommend approval of Article 71, to authorize the town to negotiate tax agreements on environmentally contaminated property; Article 75 to clarify slope requirements; and Article 82 to allow a multi-family attached cluster home on a parcel larger than 25 acres through a special permit process.

Board members voted 3-2 to recommend approval of the one-lot, one-house rule (Article 76), a new version of the existing rule with clarified language, Colyer says.

Planners also recommended approval of Article 84, a rewrite of the current flood-hazard-district regulations to align with federal regulations, pending favorable review by the building inspector and Town Counsel, says Colyer.

They also voted not to take a position on Article 74, to amend setbacks for pools and sport courts; and voted unanimously not to support Article 83, which would increase, from four to eight, the number of rooms allowed in multi-family attached clusters.

Sox fan bids Web 'Bonjour'



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Start 'em young — Ernie Paicopolos and son Adam Bloom-Paicopolos check out dad's new Web site.

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the first time.

Then, he, too, will be a member of Fenway Nation.

Paicopolos says he chose "fenwaynation.com" because Sox Nation is a bit overused, and because he didn't want to get clobbered

by the Red Sox brass' knuckles for using the team's name.

"It's sort of a whimsical thing, so I didn't particularly want to get into a lawsuit with John Harrington or anything," he says.

Of course, he has no such qualms about taking on Yankees fans. On the bulletin board for visitors to use to comment on the Sox, the tongue-in-cheek fenwaynation.com guys have sent this message:

"Posts from Yankees fans will be flamed," they say, "(which is) not a big problem since none of them can read or write."

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Ballardvale fence feud fallout to continue in court

An ongoing neighborhood dispute that turned into a reported scuffle is headed for court next month as Ballardvale residents remain at odds over a fence around one neighbor's property.

Perry Raffi, of Center Street, was charged with assault after an argument with neighbors at a Ballardvale Historic District Commission Meeting.

Raffi, a commission member, has continued to serve on the board with assault charges pending, to the dismay of neighbors and commission member Ron Kravette, who is also a neighbor of Raffi.

Judge Allen J. Jarasites is expected to hear the case in a pretrial hearing scheduled for May 3.

Ballardvale residents Robert and Madeline Partridge, neighbors of Raffi, appealed the Historic District Commission's approval of the eight-foot-tall fence Raffi installed around his property.

Raffi, 6'9" tall, says he needs a high fence to maintain his privacy.

An argument over the fence at a commission meeting led to a scuffle in which Raffi allegedly approached the Partridges, and stepped into Madeline Partridge's hand when she stepped between Raffi and her husband.

Witnesses say Raffi also verbally threatened them.

The case will go to a jury trial at Lawrence District Court.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

English as second language registration

There are openings in the English as a Second Language program at the Seton Asian Center, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence. Classes are held Monday through Thursday for two hours in the morning and evening. Preschool classes are available for 3 and 4-year-

old children of adults enrolled in the morning classes. Registration for the classes will be held Monday, April 10 and Tuesday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the center. For more information, call the Seton Asian Center at 683-7316.

Tucker holds office hours

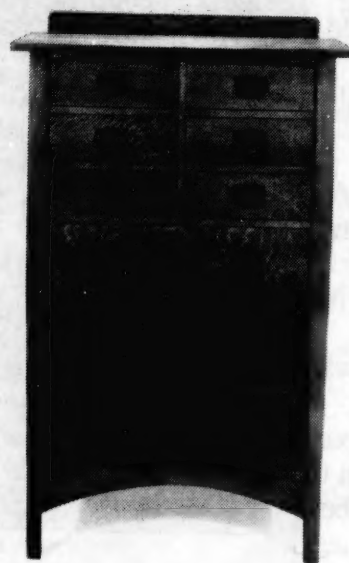
Senator Susan Tucker will hold her monthly office hours at Andover Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 11 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Town residents are encouraged to stop by.

American Legion meeting

North Andover Post 219 will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, North Andover, to discuss the Memorial Day program. All veterans are invited.

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Think different

As he celebrated his reelection last Tuesday, Brian Major, selectmen chairman, said he wasn't concerned that none of Andover's selectmen have been on the board for more than three years.

"Sometimes," he said, "we need to get away from the history and go in a different direction."

Fair enough. There's a lot to be said for new blood and its ability to pump life into a lethargic body.

But before the new board seeks a new direction, we urge it to plot its course more carefully than selectmen have recently. Here's some constructive advice for Andover's leaders:

(1) Selectmen need to show they will think hard before making decisions.

After repeatedly saying how important it was for the town to add a person to the Youth Services Department, selectmen March 6 approved the town manager's budget — without the position.

Then, March 13, they reversed field and added the position.

Also March 13, selectmen decided to support a Town Meeting article seeking money to rehab the popular Dragon's Lair playground. Then, March 20, they voted to recommend against the article.

These swift reversals left the impression selectmen were easily influenced by whomever had their ears.

Although everyone wants responsive government, few want the government's response to appear knee-jerk.

(2) Selectmen need to show that they can properly plan long-term projects.

Last year, Major suggested looking into alternative ways to pay for the two, worthwhile, proposed sewer projects that represented the most significant sewer addition in decades. But selectmen never heard alternatives before recommending approval of the articles.

Instead, they listened to those urging them to just approve the projects, and then worry about how to pay for them.

That was putting the cart before the horse, and it led to quite a stink this year, when the town looked to change how the projects would be funded.

Although the change would have helped more people than it hurt, those whose betterments would have increased argued understandably that they had approved the project with lower betterment estimates in hand.

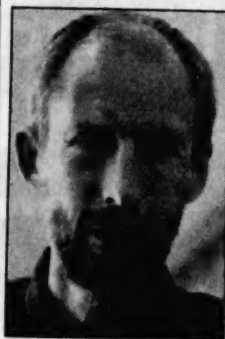
This was a problem selectmen should have seen coming — and a problem that could have been avoided with more thoughtful planning.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Reflective moment — Andover Pack 73 Cub Scouts make Hussey's Pond so clean you can see yourself in it.

Parting shots: That's the news, and he's outta here



Taylor Armerding

OK, that's it. If Larry Larsen isn't going to be a selectman any more, then I'm not going to be the editor any more. I'm outta here.

I mean, there are only so many times you can quote Brian Major saying "awesome," only so many revisions to the minutes you can endure with John Hess, only so many consensus-building meetings you can take from Mary French, only so many times we media types can hear from Lori Becker that we just didn't understand that newsrack bylaw.

I don't even like trying to interview Buzz Stapczynski, when half the time he sounds like he's got filtering software in his brain, to screen out anything interesting or controversial.

No, I like it when somebody like Larry comes to a meeting with his sound bites already prepared. He's thought them through. He's decided ahead of time who he wants to offend and who he wants to stroke. He's

probably rehearsed them in front of a mirror for all I know. He's probably practiced them on the way to the meeting in his little red VW bug.

He understands, with his psychologist's brain, that we journalists are congenitally lazy, so he always made it easy to fill that little quote box on page 3. But now that he's retired from politics, and I'm faced with the prospect of actually having to work to fill that space, I quit. Let some young guy like Neil Fater do it.

OK, that's not the real reason I'm outta here. It's just that I'm unable to attend Dr. Larsen's roast, and I wanted to get a few licks in ahead of time.

But I have to admit to being sort of fixated on him and his retirement this week because, speaking of roasts, I'm slightly hurt that there isn't such a farewell event planned for me, with all the money raised going to the bluegrass band of my choice. I mean, if the letters page was any indication, I managed to offend enough people during the past three years to have a pretty decent turnout. Where are my critics when I need them?

So, since I want to be like Larry in every way possible except for his advanced age, about the only thing left for me to do is to sit back like the elder statesman he is and pass along words of wisdom to my successor.

The list isn't long. Neil will soon realize that editors aren't wise. If he's

under that misimpression, I'm sure you readers will knock that out of him soon enough.

Still, there are a few trade secrets to getting through a week and surviving to do it all again.

You may think that your job is to wrestle with the deep, cosmic issues that face the Town of Andover. You may think that you will spend the bulk of your time gazing at the ceiling, thinking deep thoughts, as reporters, photographers and production people scurry around you, dealing with a thousand details that you have now risen above. You may think that your editorials will be posted at the Town Offices, laminated and included as a part of the permanent record of the history of the town.

Maybe you will have some time for that, perhaps between 2 and 4 a.m., as long as you have opened all the mail, answered all your telephone messages and made sure the school lunch menus are in the paper. That and the honor rolls.

Then, if you want to think deep thoughts, go ahead. Me, I was usually trying to grab a couple of hours of sleep.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that fax machines and e-mail will save time or make your life easier. No, all they do is give public relations people an excuse to call you

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Letters

Reader salutes former editor Armerding

Editor, Townsman:

As a retired journalist out of the New York killing fields, I look with a seasoned but warmly empathetic eye on the current crop of talented professionals who persist in violating today's canon of political correctness.

That's why on July 11, 1999, I sent the following letter, herein quoted at length, to the editor of the *The Eagle-Tribune*:

"He invites the newspaper's readers to 'talk back' via e-mail forgetting — or strategically overlooking — the possibility that some of us stone-age types may still be fumbling with obsolete devices like phones, typewriters and even quill pens.

"But those letters to the paper keep coming from proponents and opponents of public projects who wax quarrelsome, controversial and pontifical opinions and sometimes they are just plain full of themselves.

"Yet this civilized man never seems to lose his cool or his abiding professionalism unless as a kind of referred-pain response, like his take-no-prisoners assault on the summer's New England heat wave...

"In the weekly or biweekly essays that carry his byline and his picture, the humor always manages to prevail — gentle or rueful, quirky or ironic, and always appropriate to the matter at hand.

"So how do you let him know that those essays — those cautionary tales of his — are your first port of call when every Thursday his product arrives in your mailbox?

"You can't write him a fan letter. He would never publish it. It would likely end up in the shredder.

Junction dysfunction seen as result of Route 125 proposal

Editor, Townsman:

My wife and I were surprised to learn of the drastic plan to reconstruct Salem Street where it intersects Route 125 as presented at the Route 125 "proposed changes" meeting since it will have a significant impact on the residents of Salem Street ("Lights and more lights for Route 125," *Townsman*, March 23).

The proposal calls for the closing of Stinson Road which will force all of the traffic from the new development there and the area surrounding Stinson Road to stream on to Salem Street for access to Route 125.

Salem Street, as you know, is a wide street at its beginning but significantly narrows as it winds toward Route

125. This added burden of traffic will, in effect, make that stretch of Salem Street much more dangerous than it already is. Proposed sidewalks for this section of Salem Street, though passed at last year's Town Meeting, were recently vetoed by the town selectmen or at least put on what appears to be indefinite hold. And from viewing "the plan," no improvements to the street for safety or increased traffic are evident.

As the letter from the Makowski family last week showed, the current proposal is unacceptable to the neighbors and especially the children of Salem Street.

John and Ann Johnson
105 Salem St.

New schools needed

Editor, Townsman:

To the Citizens of Andover,
At Town Meeting on Monday, April 24 we have the responsibility to vote for warrant articles 9, 11 and 12 for construction cost for the new elementary and middle schools planned for High Plain Road and Cross Street. A two-thirds majority vote is needed, so it is critical that you come out that night and support these warrant articles. This is the first step in a two-step process in making the dream of two new schools a reality and with the support of the citizens of Andover we will be well on our way by June 2000.

As some of you may know, a serious overcrowding problem exists in all of our elementary and middle schools. This situation started in the mid-1990s and continues today. This problem will only compound until both new schools are on-line, hopefully by 2002. Each elementary and middle school is way over its enrollment capacity ranging from a high of 20% in one of our elementary schools to 26% in one of our middle schools. Specific examples of overcrowding include, but are not exclusive to, the following items:

- walls being added to create two classrooms from one;
- cafeteria spaces being walled off to create a classroom;
- six portables being added at two of our elementary schools;
- art and music classes being conducted in the hallways, cafeterias, on a stage or on carts;
- closets being used for office space, tutorials, testing and small group work;
- health class being conducted on an auditorium stage;
- teacher's room being used as a classroom; and
- middle school teachers, sharing

classrooms limiting their ability to maximize learning opportunities for the students.

Some of other less obvious effects of overcrowding are:

- a negative impact on the school culture;
- an increasing burden on the buildings' core facilities, i.e. cafeteria, gym, media center; and
- increasing school building capacities.

We have waited a long time for this opportunity. Please attend Town Meeting on Monday, April 24. Your vote and support is critical to passing warrant articles 9, 11 and 12.

The time is now, especially since there is proposed legislation on Capitol Hill to change the reimbursement formula. Currently we are scheduled to receive 60% reimbursement from the state. After June 1, if these warrant articles do not pass and the state adopts this new legislation, Andover will most certainly receive less than 60% on any school building projects. So, as you can see, the time is now! Help all of Andover realize its potential for the 21st century. We hope we can count on your support.

Diane Costagliola, Townwide PTO
Moderator
Townwide PTO

Flag protection a burning issue for vet

Editor, Townsman:

"Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States." This proposed Constitutional Amendment, passed by the House of Representatives, once again failed to receive a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate by only four votes.

What a disservice to America and all veterans who fought and died so that the symbol of freedom could fly proudly over American soil.

The American Legion, the oldest and largest veteran's organization in the world, has worked tirelessly for the passage of the bill and strenuously objects to the decision in the name of an infringement of the freedom of speech.

The desecration of the symbol of America by burning or other foul means by radical protesters looking for another cause of the month should be considered as treason to America, a criminal offense and punished accordingly.

Despite the wishes of the vast majority of Americans to protect the flag, their pleas and those of thousands of veterans fell on deaf ears, as a few politically motivated senators caused the defeat to our national symbol.

Among them were our own senators, Kennedy and Kerry, whose reason for continued negative votes on the American issue is known only to themselves.

The flag is not a piece of cloth but rep-

Parting is such sweet sorrow

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anyway, to see if you got their press release. Another thing — they have a lot more time to talk on the phone than you do. Another thing — when they ask you how you're doing, you don't have to tell them. No federal reimbursement depends on your answer, and they really don't want to know anyway.

• Get out of the office. Don't let the reporters have all the fun.

• Don't take criticism too seriously. But then, don't take compliments too seriously either. Usually they both depend on whether somebody agrees with you.

• Make sure there is at least one adult for every three Cub Scouts when you conduct a tour of the *Townsman*. With Brownies, you can get away with one in five.

• Don't expect to hear from very many people if you expose corruption at Town Hall. Do expect to hear from many people if you leave out the school lunch menus.

• Don't let voter apathy make you cynical.

• Give thanks every day for a job that puts you at the heart of community life, that connects you with everybody, from the boors to the egomaniacs to the selfless volunteers who quietly look for needs and meet them, without ever demanding that you come and take their picture.

It beats just about any other job, just about every day of the week.

Taylor Armerding is (now) a former editor of the *Townsman*.

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resents our heritage and country. Physical desecration is beyond the freedom of speech issue and should be punished.

Our founding fathers in their wisdom to set the Constitution's framework had no idea of the depths of depravity that would cause people to burn or desecrate our national treasure.

In their day, people stood

proudly as the flag passed by, men tipping their hats, women and children with hands to their hearts, as they watched the flag with reverence and awe.

As Memorial Day approaches, the American Legion and veterans groups everywhere remember and will continue to fight for legal protection to the flag and all that it should mean to all of us for we are "still serving America."

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Three make final cut at AHS

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math curriculum. He became principal at Northwood Middle School 10 years ago, and in 1996 the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School for Excellence.

He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Colgate, a master's in education from Salem State College, and has done postgraduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard University.

Jones had an Andover connection by being acquainted with the late Larry Robinson, former Andover High School Principal.

The two often met at sporting events when working in the same district, Jones at Maynard High School and Robinson at Littleton.

If he were named principal, Jones says he would follow Robinson's lead, and become part of the Andover community.

"I think what the high school needs most of all is stability," he says.

As high school principal, Jones has reintroduced department head positions, formed a faculty council to advise the principal, increased parental participation and worked to raise test scores, he says.

"The school climate here is much more positive than it was three years ago," says Jones, who has been principal in Maynard since 1997.

While Maynard High School is relatively small with 410 students, Jones says he has worked in larger schools, including Wayland High School and the Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in English from Rutgers College, a doctorate in Eng-

lish from Boston College, an master's in education in school administration from Bridgewater State College, and in 1987 completed a three-year Special Studies in Education program at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

He sees Andover as a community full of "tradition and strong family orientation."

"I've really fallen in love with the place," he says of Andover and the Merrimack Valley.

Hurwitz has been principal of Marblehead High School since 1997.

She began teaching in Boston Public Schools in 1970 and worked in various administrative positions until 1997, when she left her position as headmaster of Charlestown High School for Marblehead.

She has also served as program director of Another Course to College, an alternative college preparatory program.

Each candidate will visit Andover schools for a day, and attend a reception for the public at 4 p.m. at the Andover High School library on the day they attend.

Hurwitz is scheduled to visit on Monday, April 10; Jones on Tuesday, April 11; and Anderson on Wednesday, April 12.

Patrice Minton, moderator of Townwide PTO and member of the search committee that picked the three finalists, says she believed the committee was well-rounded in its representation of parents, teachers and administrators.

"It was really by consensus," she says of how the finalists were chosen from a group of 38 applicants.

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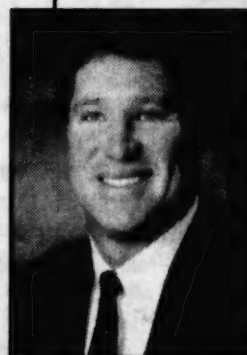


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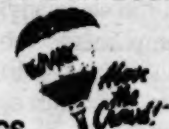
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Education

Safety questions close playground temporarily

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While the Dragon's Lair playground at the Bancroft School was once legendary in town for its expansive labyrinth of ladders, tires and slides, it's becoming more dangerous with age, and was closed temporarily this week before a town inspection.

Bancroft Principal Norah McCarthy says she did not think the playground was particularly dangerous, but when a fund-raising effort to replace the aging equipment drew attention to safety hazards, she decided to err on the side of caution, she says.

"I did not, in any way, want to take anything for granted. Of course, I'm not too popular with the kids," she says.

McCarthy arranged for the playground to be inspected Wednesday morning by Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi. Until then the area is corded off with yellow caution tape.

Meanwhile, students play nearby on the pavement or in the new kindergarten playground.

While the PTO has been working to raise money to replace the playground, and the school had scheduled to put \$10,000 toward its demolition two years from now, a citizen, who is also a member of the Bancroft PTO, has filed a pri-

vate Town Meeting article asking voters to approve \$40,000 for the cost of reconstructing the playground.

Pat D'Ambra says she filed the article as a private citizen, not as a member of the PTO, simply because she feels the town should take some responsibility for maintaining the equipment. Estimates show that the PTO alone probably wouldn't be able to raise the amount of money it would take to replace the Dragon's Lair with the modern equivalent, she says.

While D'Ambra believes the playground is worth modernizing, she says she understands the town must set priorities.

"If the article passes, great. If not, it's not the end of the world," she says.

The playground was installed in 1985 as one of the area's first student-designed play spaces.

"It was sort of a new thing, for the company to send a representative to the school and interview kids. It was



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Playing it safe — Stop! Who goes there? No one on Tuesday. The Dragon's Lair playground at Bancroft School began to show its age and could cause splinters for those playing on it. Safety concerns led to a closing and inspection scheduled for this week.

very participatory. There was great excitement," says Tina Girdwood, a former Bancroft parent and current School Committee member.

D'Ambra says replacing the playground with something similar could cost up to \$80,000, but the PTO, which has raised \$30,000 so far, is only expect-

ing to raise another \$10,000 by June.

D'Ambra says that because town uses the playground for community service programs, and the public uses the playground through various organizations, the town has more of a responsibility to make sure it's not

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Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Getting crafty — Brenda Neih's sixth-grade team at Doherty Middle School created crafts as part of a hands-on English and history lesson when they were required to build a craft and research its roots. At left, Kristin Walsh demonstrates how to make a permanent sand castle. She found her idea on the Internet. The secret to permanence is sawdust and wallpaper paste, she says. Above, Tarek Zatet builds a birdhouse for the first time. Other projects included pop-up cards, a water wheel made from an orange juice carton, and paper mache. The projects were on display last Friday morning.

Andover boasts MCAS whiz kids

The Department of Education honored five Andover High School Juniors for perfect scores on last year's 10th grade MCAS math test.

Students Robin W. Karfunkel, Andrew H. Park, Matthew A. Rosenweig, Hiro B. Toyoda and On Tsang earned perfect math scores.

In the 10th-grade math test, 36 Andover High students scored in the highest possible range, between 268 and 280 points.

The DOE sent out 1,200 letters to high school students, commending them on their high scores, reports say.

The majority of very high or perfect scores were earned on math tests, reports say.

The 10th grade math test had the largest number of students, 1,047, scoring in the top one percent.

The Masconomet Regional School district, which includes Boxford, had 15 students scoring in the top one percent for the math test, and North Andover reported 10 students scoring in that range.

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Playground

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replaced with an inferior version.

Playgrounds in town are traditionally paid for by PTOs, but D'Ambra notes the new school complex proposed for Cross Street and High Plain Road includes playgrounds.

Girdwood says the new schools project does include construction of playgrounds, but she did not know how much money was allocated for the playgrounds.

She spoke out against selectmen's initial support of D'Ambra's article because she felt it would displace other budgeted items that had been given priority.

"There are a lot of things everybody wants, but you've got to put it on a schedule," she says, citing the Bancroft School Improvement Council's plan to set aside money for future demolition.

Selectmen withdrew their support of the article last week.

Bancroft PTO president Thyra Sherman, also a member of the playground committee, says the PTO plans to use whatever it can raise to replace the playground in the next few years, whether the town supplements the budget or not.

The PTO is also planning to solicit help from local corporations, she says.

"Hopefully, we'll have enough money to build what we want, but we will build what we can with whatever money we raise. (Dragon's Lair) is wonderful in many ways, and it's

the biggest in town," Sherman says.

The elaborate playground, constructed for free by volunteer laborers in town, wasn't expected to last more than 15 years, McCarthy says.

Piantedosi says the Plant and Facilities Department has performed minimal maintenance on the equipment to avoid safety hazards such as protruding nails.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

"The boards are weathered pretty badly, and it's not hard to get a splinter just playing around it or sitting on it," he says.

Such maintenance is done on all school playgrounds, he says, but all of it is minor.

"We certainly don't have the money in the budget to rebuild a playground like that, and we don't have the manpower (to maintain it)," he says.

If the town were to replace it, Piantedosi recommends a new material that includes plastic, which is easier to maintain and safer to play on.

"Wooden playgrounds are a thing of the past," he says.

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Elementary schools

Monday: Chicken fajita with rice, french toast and sausage, baked chicken nuggets, corn, pineapple and milk, jello with whipped topping.

Tuesday: Roast pork dinner, slice of pizza with salad, hot dog on a roll, peas, apple slices and milk. Lucky Tray Day.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, mozzarella sticks, cheeseburger with fries, green beans, peaches and milk, sugar cookie.

Thursday: Two beefy burritos with lettuce, french toast and sausage, boxed fruit dippers, corn, pineapple and milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog on a roll, toasted cheese and soup, vegetarian beans, pears and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Chicken and gravy with mashed potato, big mac sub with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak with mashed potato, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks with sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, nachos, with cheese sauce, two hot dogs with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey dinner, baked chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks with sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Spaghetti and meatballs, chicken McSchool with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, pasta with sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub with pickle mix, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Roast pork dinner, pasta with sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub with pickle mix, fruit, veggie and milk, sugar cookie.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak with mashed potato, pasta with sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub with pickle mix, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two egg McMuffins, pasta with sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub with pickle mix, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Fish and chips, pasta with sauce, stuffed crust pizza, cold cut sub with pickle mix, fruit veggie and milk, jello with whipped topping.

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SCHOOL TALK

The Andover High School Parent Advisory Council meeting Monday, April 10 will feature a presentation on the proposed new schools. In addition, they will discuss a follow-up program to "Not My Kid; Not in Andover," as well as nominations for the coming year. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. All parents, as well as others interested in the school building project, are invited to attend.

Registration is under way for the **Department of Community Services'** most popular summer programs. Those include the pre-school playgrounds (Shee-Hee and Shaw-Knee), the All Day Discovery (for those entering grade 1 through grade 6), the Skyhawks Sports for students ages 4 to 14, and the Children's Studio for the Arts for grades 4 to

6.

Residents may register by phone or fax with a major credit card. The telephone number for DCS is 623-8274. Residents can also stop by the DCS office to register.

Registration for the traditional summer programs of swimming, sailing, tennis and sports will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7 at Memorial Auditorium. Brochures for these programs are available at the DCS office. Consult the Andover home page on the Internet <www.town.andover.ma.us> for summer program information.

Each year **Andover High School** seniors are challenged to design a logo to be used for Senior Safari, their all-night graduation celebration. Art teacher **Jim Batchelder** runs the logo contest and the entire senior class votes for their



favorite. The logos are always creative, organizers said, and this year was no exception.

Laura Schrader's leaf-eating giraffes fit "wonderfully" into the Safari theme and took first place. The first-place logo

appears on some correspondence and will be on the back of the Senior Safari T-shirt. **Kristin Wilson's** "Portrait of a high school senior" came in second place and will appear on some correspondence as

◀ **Class of 2000 Chooses SS2K Logo** - From left are first-place winner **Laura Schrader**, second-place winner **Kristin Wilson**, and third-place winner **Caitlin Costello**.

well as the front-pocket area of the Senior Safari T-shirt. **Caitlin Costello's** giraffe in the jungle came in third place and will appear on some correspondence, as well as the Senior Safari tickets.

The Senior Safari Committee will host their third dance for high school students tomorrow, Friday, April 7. The dance will be held in the High School cafeteria and run from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$5. All proceeds fund Senior Safari. Any parents wishing to volunteer as chaperones should contact Junior Class co-chairs **Cornelia Kessler** at 623-7028, or **Mary Dennehy** at 409-1333.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

The following students at **The Next Wave High School**, an alternative program at **Andover High School**, have received high honors: Ben Carter, Peter Robertson III, Caeleigh Stuart.

Beki Sprattler received honors.

The following Andover students were named to the **Governor Dummer Academy** high honor roll (3.3 or above, cumulative for the second quarter).

10th Grade: **Rachelle E. Dennis**, **Alyson R. Gerber**.

The following Andover student was named to the honor roll (3.0-3.29) for the second quarter.

12th Grade: **Courtney D. Marino**.

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, recently announced that 286 students have achieved academic honors for the second quarter of the

1999-2000 school year. To qualify for the headmaster's list, 62 students achieved grades of 90 percent or higher in all courses. A total of 224 students qualified for honor roll, which requires that all grades must be 85 percent or above. Students from Andover are:

Daniel C. Coleman '00, **Kellen John Moriarty '02**, **Sean T. Carlson '01**, **David J. DeMella '03**, **Brendan P. Gibson '03**, **Nicholas R. Hankey '00**, **James McDuff**

McCarthy '02, **Brian T. Mulligan '01**, **Casey W. Russo '00**, **Andrew P. Wuehrmann '03**.

St. Mark's School, in Southborough, announced that **Adriana Montalbano**, a sophomore from Andover, has been named to the honor roll for her outstanding academic record during the first semester. The distinction of honors is given to students with a grade average of B or higher and with no grade of D

or E (failure).

Andover residents, senior **Ryan Nugent**, son of **George** and **Luanne Nugent**, junior **Rebecca Hellmann**, daughter of **Joel** and **Brenda Hellmann**, sophomore **Dana Swartz**, daughter of **Howard** and **Beth Swartz**, and freshman **Diana Stapinski**, daughter of **Stephen** and **Patricia Stapinski**, were named to the **Pingree School** first semester

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honor roll.

Freshman Andrew Iannazzi, son of William and Victoria Iannazzi, was named to the Pingree School headmaster's list.

Brooks School in North Andover announced that 22 Andover students were among those named to the honors list for the fall semester.

Highest honors

Benjamin Bibler, '03 is the son of Gregory Bibler. Benjamin participates in basketball, tennis, and lacrosse.

High honors

Daniel Berman, '02 is the son of Mark and Debra Berman. Daniel participates in the student council.

Wess Cohen, '03 is the son of Robert and Norma Cohen. Wess participates in soccer, basketball, baseball, the debate club, student council, The Eagle, The Shield, and the Model U.N. program.

Kathleen Lombard, '03 is the daughter of Michael and Patricia Lombard. Kathleen participates in soccer, basketball, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

Diana Saryan, '00 is the daughter of John and Debra Saryan. Diana participates in crew, community service, the Green Team, the Chapel choir, and she is a member of the Ashburn Society.

Valerie Saryan, '03 is the daughter of John

and Debra Saryan. Valerie participates in soccer, basketball, tennis, and chapel choir.

Abigail Scully, '03 is the daughter of Martha Gurry of Andover and James Scully of North Andover. Abigail participates in field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

Kaylan Tildsley, '03 is the daughter of James and Kathryn Tildsley.

William Waters, '02 is the son of John and Elizabeth Waters. William participates in soccer, ice hockey, and baseball.

Allison Wilner, '01 is the daughter of Susan Wilner of Andover and Eric Wilner of North Andover. Allison participates in field hockey, basketball, and crew.

Honors

Julie Andros, '00 is the daughter of Mary Davis-Andros of Andover and William Andros of North Andover.

Douglas Armstrong, '01 is the son of Chris and Eleanor Armstrong. Douglas participates in soccer, Winter Club, crew, Brooks Brothers and Sisters, drama, the Green Team, peer tutoring,

and he is a campus tour guide.

Allison Arrigg, '03 is the daughter of Fred and Laura Arrigg. Allison participates in field hockey, softball, squash, and Brooks Brothers and Sisters.

Allison Caffrey, '02 is the daughter of Andrew and Elise Caffrey. Allison participates in soccer, ice hockey, and softball.

Katharine Childs, '00 is the daughter of Thomas and Julie Childs. Katharine participates in field hockey, ski club, and she is a campus tour guide.

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Alexandra Costello, '02 is the daughter of Alexander and Antoinette Costello. Alexandra par-

ticipates in field hockey and softball.

Joshua Isaacs, '02 is the son of Benjamin and Indu Isaacs.

Brittany Lonero, '02 is the daughter of Turi and Carmen Lonero. Brittany participates in soccer, ice hockey, and tennis.

Nicholas Mauritz, '02 is the son of Peter Mauritz of Andover and Jamie Mauritz

James of Hampton Falls, N.H. Nicholas participates in football, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

Megan Russell, '03 is the daughter of Thomas and Denise Russell. Megan participates in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse.

Andrea Savage, '02 is the daughter of Paul and Paulina Savage. Andrea participates in squash and cross-country.

Gillian Wang, '01 is the daughter of Morris and Susan Wang. Gillian participates in basketball, the glee club, the a

capella group, Brooks Brothers and Sisters, community service, and she is a campus tour guide.

To achieve honor roll distinction, students must maintain a minimum of 92 percent average for highest honors; 87 percent for high honors; and 82 percent for honors. Students who attain the honor roll are eligible for an academic day off in recognition of their outstanding achievement.

The following Andover students have been named to the honor roll at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield:

First honors:
Seniors Rachael DeMella and Tirzah Heller, and freshman Lauren Underhill.

Cyril K. Chan of Andover has earned honors for the fall term at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H.

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Ballardvale traffic

Driving toward solution, Genetics funds slip-ramp study

By Rebecca Lipchitz

As plans to redesign the interchange between I-93 and Route 125 remain as stalled as traffic in Ballardvale, Genetics Institute hopes a proposal to add a temporary slip ramp to I-93 will get things moving in the meantime.

Genetics, a company often involved in Ballardvale neighborhood traffic issues, has paid for a feasibility study to see if a slip ramp could be built to get drivers from Burt Road directly onto Interstate 93.

"We believe it will help residents and simplify employees' commutes," says Doug Petkus, spokesman for Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, a division of Genetics' parent company, American Products.

A slip ramp from Burt Road to Interstate 93 would allow Genetics employees to drive directly from the Genetics plant onto the highway without driving through the Ballardvale neighborhood.

Andover Selectmen Mary French, liaison to the Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, says the project is in the best interests of residents and businesses in the area.

"I think there's a universal feeling that if we can possibly find a way to get access to 93 it would be a major step forward," French says.

Despite animosity among some residents toward commuters who pass through, which have led to posting of signs that say "Commuters seek alternate route," French says she believes Genetics has a reputation for cooperating.

"I think (Genetics) has always been a responsible neighbor, and felt it was



File photo by Carol Van Doren

Genetics hopes to ease traffic in the Ballardvale area (pictured above) by creating a slip ramp onto Interstate 93 further south.

important to have a good relationship with neighbors," she says.

A group of residents sued Genetics last year when the company won approval from the town for part of their expansion plan, which is part of a longer-term expansion plan for the company.

The suit has since been dropped, and residents and town officials are beginning to address traffic issues through the task force (see sidebar).

Meanwhile, planners are keeping the pressure on state and federal officials to redesign the I-93/Route 125 interchange.

Planning Director Steve Colyer proposed the temporary slip ramp last year, which is now being investigated courtesy of Genetics, since the highway redesign is not expected to be complete for another eight to 10 years, he says.

The temporary slip ramp project, if deemed feasible by VHB transportation engineers of Boston, would have to be approved by the state, and funding would have to be found.

"The price tag hasn't been figured out yet," Colyer says, but he suspects the project, if approved, would take at least two years.

Petkus declined to say how much Genetics is spending on the study, which is expected to be complete near the end of the month.

Beth Westcott of Genetics in Andover, says the company helped fund the engineering study, but does not plan on funding construction or engineering of the project.

"We just want to facilitate the process," she says.

Help make foggy picture clearer

Members of the Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force are hoping residents will let them know what residents think of the idea of adding fog lines to River Street.

Fog lines, the white or yellow lines painted on the outer edges of a roadway, would outline the edges of River Street, probably from Andover Street to Ballardvale Street, says Mary French, selectman and liaison to the task force.

Fog lines are known to visually narrow the road and generally reduce the

speed of traffic, making safer travel for pedestrians and bicyclists, says French.

But some residents disagree, saying fog lines make the road appear less rural and encourage drivers to go faster.

French says she expects the task force will hold a public meeting to discuss the issue in the future, but is now soliciting written comments about the idea from the public.

Comments can be sent to the town manager's office, to French or Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, she says.

Bylaw to go bye-bye

Selectmen are now stopping the presses on the three-page newsracks bylaw that would legislate the location, placement and color of the newsracks that hold everything from newspapers like the *Townsmen* to free fliers.

Selectman Lori Becker recently met with representatives from several papers, and says that "we actually moved a bunch of boxes that day." Although representatives from most of the free publications were not at the meeting — and town officials had said the bylaw was really aimed at controlling them — selectmen decided after that meeting to support withdrawing the bylaw from Town Meeting and working with the publications to make desired changes.

"It was a wise decision," says Peter Caruso, attorney for the Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co. "Mediation is a much better solution than the legal process."

"The bylaw as written and as presented to Town Meeting is in fact unconstitutional. There are a number of (restrictions) that would not pass muster under the U.S. Constitution and the Mass. Constitution, specifically the abandonment of boxes," says Caruso.

The bylaw would have given government the right to remove boxes that were empty for 48 hours. It was written at the request of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

— Neil Fater

Female player cut, but still fighting

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover High School sophomore Angelica Rotsart, who aims to overturn a rule that allows schools to insist girls play softball rather than baseball, didn't make the JV team this year.

But as any ballplayer knows, it ain't over 'til it's over.

The next court date in her legal battle is May 17.

A judge ruled last week that Andover must allow her to try out for the boys' baseball team each year she is a student at Andover High School.

The trial was scheduled to begin last week, but was postponed when the Town of Andover filed a motion to be excluded from the suit.

The motion was denied, and the town, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and Rotsart's attorney will meet again next month.

Rotsart was one of two people who played regularly on the freshman baseball team last year (at least 37 innings), tried out for the junior varsity team this year, and did not make the team.

Rotsart says she feels it has more to do with her gender than her game.

She was in the starting lineup playing first base in most games for the freshman team last year, and felt she played well at JV tryouts.

"I'm not being a poor sport. I think I deserve to be on the team," she says.

At tryouts she hit in four of five at-bats and fielded well.

"I really hustled. At first I was really nervous, but you know, it's baseball. I did fine. I had a good time," she says.

As a freshman, Rotsart says she thought she played well and

learned a lot, especially after the media attention and the negative remarks subsided.

She endured some comments like "Why don't you just play softball," and other remarks, but it didn't seem to get to her.

"After a while I just blended in. Everybody really just wanted to get down to it and play baseball. I had a really good time," Rotsart says.

She will play this spring instead on the Andover Senior League for 15- and 16-year-old players, and help a friend's father coach a Little League team.

Though she does not seem angry over being cut from the team, Rotsart says she will try out again next year, and continue with the court battle.

"I'm not doing this just for myself. I want them to let everyone else have a chance. If they want to play, let 'em play," she says.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, March 29 — At 12:47 p.m., police arrested Brian J. Ebert, 25, of 59 Pilgrim Circle, Methuen, and charged him with illegal possession of a class D substance.

Thursday, March 30 — At 9:48 p.m., police arrested Paul Whitley, 64, of 4 Virginia Road, Andover, and charged him with failure to use care in stopping and driving under the influence of liquor after he rear-ended an Andover police cruiser.

Friday, March 31 — At 11:19 a.m., police arrested Jon P. Barton, 25, of 34 Center St., Concord, N.H. and charged him with illegal possession of a class A substance, possession of a hypodermic syringe, needle, etc., and with being a fugitive from justice, on a warrant from New Hampshire. Also arrested was Edgardo Maldonado, 36, 54 Crescent St., Lawrence, who was charged with illegal possession of a class A substance and possession of a hypodermic needle, syringe, etc.

At 7:40 p.m., police arrested John F. Gargiulo, 46, of 40 Surrey Lane, Dracut, and charged him with driving under the influence of liquor, driving under the influence of drugs, and failure to stay in marked lanes.

Saturday, April 1 — At 10:45 a.m., a Marriott Courtyard employee reported a guest running up exorbitant charges for phone calls, unlike anything they have ever had. He

had reportedly been paying for everything with large amounts of cash. Police investigated and arrested and charged Carlos A. Solivan, 34, of 21 Pelham St., Methuen, with illegal possession of a class B substance, possession with intent to distribute a class B substance in a school zone, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 10:56 a.m., police arrested and charged Matthew M. Morgese, 22, of 248 Lowell St., Methuen, on a warrant for assault and battery on a family member.

At 5:57 p.m., police arrested and charged Daniel T. Lambrinos, 35, of 18 17th Ave., Haverhill, with operating a motor vehicle after license suspension and illegal possession of a class D substance.

At 6:14 p.m., police arrested and charged a 15-year-old juvenile male with assault and battery on a family member after the boy tried to hit his father with a wrench.

Monday, April 3 — At 7:02 p.m., police arrested and charged Jose A. Morales Jr., 22, of 1329 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell, with driving after his license was suspended and for tinting his car windows too dark.

At 11:19 a.m., police arrested and charged Christian P. Battle, 24, of 1 Foxcroft St., Lawrence, on a warrant for motor vehicle violations, and Richard P. Poulin, 26, of 20 Olde Country Village, Londonderry, N.H., for

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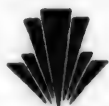
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illegal possession of a class D substance.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, March 30 — At 3:11 a.m., police received several calls from the Lincoln Circle area regarding a loud wailing sound. An officer reported sitting in the area with his or her engine off and heard no wailing noise at all. "Outfoxed again," said the log.

At 9:34 p.m., an employee of Starbucks reported a man in the back of the building, bleeding all over the place. Police reported it was a man trying to pull out a tooth. He was transported to Lawrence General Hospital by ambulance.

Saturday, April 1 — At 8:12 a.m., a Bartlet Street resident called to report someone took his American flag and replaced it with an older one. Officer reports no problem. A neighbor played an April Fool's joke.

At 11:09 a.m., a caller reported that another driver came up to his window and tried to smash it twice.

At 2:03 p.m., police brought a loose dog to Andover Animal Hospital. The dog was from the Ann's Lane area near Shawsheen Heights.

Sunday, April 2 — At 10:56

a.m., a caller reported getting a phone call from someone claiming to be soliciting for the Mass. Firefighters Association. Fire Department officials advise that the Mass. Firefighters Association does not make calls soliciting money.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 29 — At 1:07 p.m., an employee of MediaOne came to the station to report that three laptop computers and a pair of Bose speakers were stolen from the office at Campanelli Drive.

Sunday, April 2 — At 3:33 p.m., a female came to the station reporting a theft of a camera while she was at Central Park.

Monday, April 3 — At 12:27 p.m., a caller from a Federal Street business reported theft of a laptop computer sometime on March 25.

BREAKS

Sunday, April 2 — At 12:52 p.m., police found someone had attempted to break into a Shipman Road residence. The owner reported the break occurred between 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 29 — At 1:30 p.m., an Old River Road resi-

dent came to the station to report that on March 8 an unknown person broke into his vehicle. Nothing was taken, but someone popped both the door locks, police said.

At 7:06 p.m., a Phillips Academy employee reported that someone attempted to break into their vehicle. No entry was gained but the door lock had been drilled out, police said.

Friday, March 31 — At 11:58 a.m., a Balmoral Street resident reported her vehicle was broken into on Sunday.

Monday, April 3 — At 5:58 p.m., a Marie Drive resident reported the recycling truck lost control and hit her house. Police cited the driver for failure to put the break on when the vehicle was unattended.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, March 31 — At 5:37 p.m., a caller from River Road reported a roll-over accident with injuries.

VANDALISM

Thursday, March 30 — At 9:58 a.m., a Whispering Pines Drive resident reported vandalism to his electric fence.

Sunday, April 2 — At 6:11 a.m., a caller from the Andover Country Club reported vandalism on some of the golf course, a rock thrown through the window of a front end loader and broken windows in the sales office trailer.

Police nab parole offender investigated in N.H. bank robbery

If you're wanted for violating parole, the Tager Inn in Andover is not a very safe place. Especially if you're Jon P. Barton.

Andover Police arrested Barton Friday morning on a warrant for violating parole from Concord State Prison in Concord, N.H. He was also charged with possession of heroin and possession of a hypodermic needle.

According to Lt. Kevin Winters, Barton was arrested by Officer Michael Connor, who knew Barton was staying at the Tager Inn, and waited for him to return to the hotel.

Windham, N.H. Police Capt. Patrick Yatsevich says he is investigating Barton's connection to an armed bank robbery at the Southern New Hampshire Bank on Range Road.

Wednesday morning, Yatsevich would neither confirm nor deny whether Barton is a suspect in the robbery, adding that he was following several leads in the case.

As of press time, Barton was at Concord State Prison awaiting a hearing before the parole board, "which could take some time" Yatsevich says.

Barton allegedly violated parole from state prison, where he was serving time for conspiring in an early '90s bank robbery in New Hampshire, Yatsevich says.

Yatsevich praised Andover police for keeping watch.

"I'm very pleased with the Andover, Massachusetts police. That was good police work," he said.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

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Teens fight for right to party

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"We're told not to turn our heads from kids who are drunk, to help them out. What they don't tell you is that it's illegal," says DaSilva who was one of the 23 students arrested Friday. He pleaded not guilty in court last week.

Pattullo says the designated driver program is not targeted at teenagers.

"The designated driver was designed for legal adults. Not for kids to drive other drunk kids," he says.

Earlier in the evening, before the arrests at Whispering Pines on Friday, police stopped a car for speeding and allowed a driver to leave because she said she was a designated driver taking some people home, Pattullo says.

When police arrived at the party, responding to a neighbor's complaint about noise, the girl and the occupants of her car, who had been drinking, were at the party, police say.

"Designated driver" may seem like an admirable idea, but you're better off to turn around and leave," if you find alcohol or drugs present, Pattullo says to youth.

But while the police endorse the "zero tolerance" policy of expulsion for anyone caught on school grounds with drugs or alcohol — a policy also endorsed by the Andover's superintendent and the district attorney's office — officers dealing with situations on non-school grounds can exercise discretion.

That is what student Matthew Shaer had hoped police would do when they entered the home on Whispering Pines Drive last Friday around 11:30 p.m.

"I didn't run. I think a lot of kids were expecting police would single out the kids who were drinking," Shaer says.

DaSilva says that because he was not drinking he also thought he was doing the right thing.

"I had no idea you could be arrested for going to a party and not drinking. (When police arrived) I didn't run. I didn't have anything to run from," DaSilva says.

Shaer wrote a letter to the editor of the *Townsmen* last week (see "He resents zero tolerance," page 9) saying few students were drinking and little beer was present.

But Pattullo says police arrived to find vomit in the house, evidence and the smell of marijuana, more empty beer cans than full beer cans, and some youths climbing up onto the roof.

"An unsafe situation, at best," he says.

Shaer wrote that most of the youths at the party weren't drinking, but ended up getting arrested "for hanging out with (their) friends."

Choices

Pattullo says that when youth are deciding what to do for fun in Andover they also have to decide with whom they should be hanging out.

A youth who makes a decision to hang around with a friend who is drinking underage or is doing drugs, should know they run the risk of being arrested, he says.

"People have to take responsibility for their actions. Somehow we've gotten away from that," Pattullo says.

Shaer says even teenagers who don't drink have friends who drink.

"It's unrealistic to think they'll stop hanging out with any of their friends that drink," Shaer says.

AHS graduate Pete Edgerly, outspoken on issues of youth and the community, says he agrees that people need to take responsibility for their actions, but adds that someone who is underage and not drinking should be given a chance to prove his or her innocence to police.

"It's your job, not the police's job, not your friend's job, to decide you're going to have a sober night," Edgerly says, adding that he regularly spends time with large groups of people, none of whom are doing drugs or drinking.

Edgerly believes people should have the right to a Breathalyzer test. Pattullo says no law requires police to offer suspects such a test.

Shaer would prefer that Andover provide youth with a place to hang out where alcohol won't be present, such as a youth center, or that police use Breathalyzers to determine who is drinking before arresting them.

"I don't pretend to have the solution, but there must be easier ways to get the message through," Shaer says.

Pattullo says that in a situation where police cannot determine who is intoxicated, or possibly a danger to themselves, they err on the side of caution.

That means police will make arrests or take people into protective custody, rather than allow someone to run away and hurt themselves or others, because the latter situation could lead to a lawsuit against police.

"In that case, we're answering a different question. You're damned if you do, and damned if you don't, but I'd rather be damned for doing it if we can save a kid's life," the chief says.

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We're a small world after all — Pictured above is the Whirlpool Galaxy in Canes Venatici, as seen March 25. The above image is actually a combination of 7 images, each of 480 seconds, says Ralph Pass. Pass, who took the image with the use of a telescope, was the subject of a 1994 *Townsmen* article on his role in the Apollo 11 mission that set Neil Armstrong on the moon. Pass is a member of the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club, which has open hours every third Thursday of the month. For the next couple of weeks, Merrimack College's facilities will also be open on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., he says.

By Neil Fater

If you've ever wanted to get a closer look at other worlds, then Saturday might be the night for you.

That's because Merrimack College and the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club are celebrating Astronomy Day 2000 with a special event April 8, starting at 7 p.m.

The program, in the college's Mendel Center, will feature Cosmo Q. Redshift talking about elementary astronomy in "On a Clear Night You Can See Forever."

Redshift is an imaginary astronomer played by club member Dave Fournier.

"He gives talks and basically comes dressed up and talks in a way that is suited to novices in astronomy," says Ralph Pass, a fellow astronomy club member.

Weather permitting, following the short talk, people will be able to use astronomy equipment to observe the heavens. There will be displays of computer based astronomy, telescopes, and astronomy videos.

With the telescope at Merrimack, "you can see things 14,000 fainter than you can with your eye," says Pass.

Pass still remembers the evening he was first attracted to astronomy.

"The long answer is it was the Mars opposition of 1956. That means (Mars) was directly opposite the sun," he says. "Mars was extremely bright and red that night and during that period of time."

After seeing the opposition, Pass went out and bought *The Little Golden Book of Stars*, his first astronomy book.

If the weather permits observing

Saturday, new astronomers will also get a chance to see Mars. In fact, they'll start their viewing with Jupiter, Mars and Saturn, which will be lined up in the western sky.

"Mars will be pretty small. You'll be able to tell it's red, but not much else because it's far from the earth right now," says Pass.

After observing the planets, people will then view the moon followed by some double stars and nebulae. The club says it encourages questions.

This free program will be held in the Mendel Center, the southern-most building on Route 114. It's across the parking lot from the Volpe Center.

The club will meet on the second floor of the building at 7 p.m. Aides will direct wannabe astronomers to the classroom.

Merrimack College is one of three sites that the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club will be using during Astronomy Day.

The others are at the Museum of Science in Boston (during the day) and the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary in Topsfield (starting at 7:30 p.m.).

For more information contact Ralph Pass at (978) 470-1255 (evenings) or visit the NSAAC Web site at <http://www.star.net/people/nsaac>.

Pass says astronomy is gaining in popularity, but people are finding it more difficult to get a good view of the stars.

"Light pollution really prevents them from seeing what's out there. (We tell people) it might be worth going away from the cities to see things," he says.

Andover dancers perform 'Frankly Ballet'

Three young dancers from Andover — Erin Arai, Emily Arai and Susanna Valleau — will perform this weekend in Northeast Youth Ballet's (NYB) original production of *Frankly Ballet and More*.

Artistic Director Denise Cecere has transformed the music of several of Frank Sinatra's tunes into a new ballet and combined it with a program that features original works and the traditional classic Aurora's Wedding, Act III of Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*. NYB will hold four performances at the Chevalier Theatre in Medford, April 7-9.

"Northeast Youth Ballet is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for young people... and playing an active role in the cultural life of the community," says the company.

Since its inception in 1996, founder Cecere says she has tried to create a pre-professional ballet environment comprised of aspiring young dancers from the Greater Boston area and surrounding suburbs.

For ticket information, call (781) 665-2236 or visit the ballet company's Web site, www.northeastyouthballet.org.

Chamber loaded for final show of season

The Andover Chamber Music Series presents the final concert of its 2000 season on Sunday, April 9, at 4 p.m. at The First Calvary Church in North Andover.

The Lydian String Quartet and pianist Nina Scolnik will present one of celebrated Czech composer Antonin Dvorak's most engaging and colorful works, his *Piano Quintet*.

But in dramatic contrast to the *Piano Quintet*, the Lydian String Quartet also will perform Lee Hyla's *String Quartet No. 4*, commissioned by the group in 1999. Hyla's compositions are influenced by a variety of genres, including jazz and R&B. The composer will present and discuss his work before the performance. Rounding out the program will be Mozart's *String Quartet, K. 458*, nicknamed "The Hunt."

Pianist Nina Scolnik has



Sunday strings — Andover Chamber Music Series welcomes the Lydian String Quartet Sunday, April 9. Pianist Nina Scolnik will join them for the performance.

collaborated with such artists as Nathaniel Rosen and Gerhard Mantel. A soloist, chamber musician and accompanist, Scolnik has performed with the New York, American and Angeles

String Quartets. She serves on the faculties of the University of California, Irvine, and the Dorothy Taubman Institute at Williams College.

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1980, the Lydian String Quartet is a Naumberg Award recipient. Their project, "American Originals: 20th-Century Classics of Today and Tomorrow," celebrates the rich repertoire of contemporary American classical music for string quartet. Members Daniel Stepner, Judith Eissenberg, Mary Ruth Ray and Rhonda Rider are active solo performers as well, appearing frequently in festivals, on CDs and with groups such as Emmanuel Music and the Handel and Haydn Society.

Tickets for the April 9 concert are \$16, \$12 for students and seniors. Check and VISA/MasterCard are accepted.

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The First Calvary Baptist Church, is located at 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, near the intersection with Route 125.

20 Andovites to 'Fiddle' around

Twenty Andover citizens have won roles in the upcoming production of *Fiddler On The Roof* by North Andover's resident theater company, Trinitarian Neighborhood Theatre.

Directed by Bradford resident Bill Davis, this community theater show will run April 7-9 at Carvel Hall, North Andover, says a release from the theater group.

Cast in the role of the pivotal character Tzeitel is Penny Alger-Kohut. The long-standing traditions of the village of Anatevka, in 1905 Russia, begin to crumble because of Tzeitel's decision to marry out of love—a radical idea.

Don Fogg, a mainstay of the acting troupe, portrays the Rabbi, who gives the show many comic moments.

Shandel, ever the defender of her son Motel, is played by TNT veteran Karen East-

on. Easton's character takes on the town's gossips with redoubtable vigor.

Paul Therkelsen will play the dual roles of Yussel the Hat-Maker and the husband of Shandel.

Nine-year-old Annie Tucker landed the part of the Fiddler, the title character. The role calls for the actor to play a violin onstage.

Siblings Laura and Rebecca Vogler portray sisters. Their characters Shprintze and Bielke provide an opportunity for another sister in the show to challenge some long-standing traditions in their village.

Playing supporting roles are: Amy and Sara Boxell, Michelle Easton, Kate Fionte, Emily Hook, Gretchen Mager, Barbara E.A. McGovern, Rachel O'Hara, Matt Therkelsen, Carly Therkelsen, Jeff Therkelsen, Kate Therkelsen, and Madeleine Tucker.

Places you'll go? How about library, or Phillips

The Memorial Hall Library will present storyteller Davis Bates and singer Roger Tinknell on Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m., in a program of stories and songs for the whole family.

Entitled "The Places You'll Go: Traveling Through Story & Song," the program will involve the audience in a wide variety of folk traditions, celebrating the many places that story and song can take us to, both in real life and in imagination, say organizers.

This family oriented participatory concert is for all ages, and will include sea songs, cowboy songs, railroad songs, family stories and more.

Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell have over four decades of combined experience performing for families. Both have received Parents Choice awards for their most recent recordings. Davis won a Gold Award for *Family Stories*, (which was named one of the year's ten best audio recordings by *Booklist* magazine), and Roger an Honor Award for *Earth Rhythms*, an environmental album. Material from both recordings will be featured during the program.

Free tickets are available in the library's Children's Room. For more information, call (978) 623-8400.

Phillips times two

Also on Saturday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Phillips Academy (and again on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. at Phillips Exeter Academy) there will be a choral concert featuring a performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

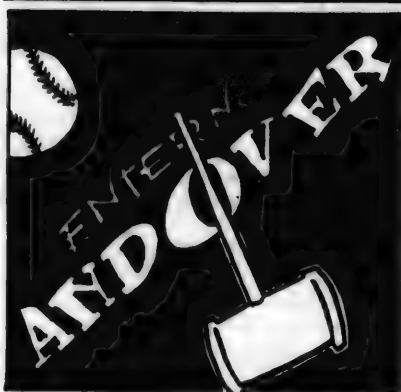
These performances combine the efforts, talents and energies of the choirs and chamber orchestras of both schools.

The featured music faculty soloists are soprano Shinobu Takagi, tenor Allen Combs and baritone Brett Johnson.

These two free, public concerts will be performed in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., and at Phillips Church, located on the corner of Front Street and Tan Lane on the Exeter Academy campus, Exeter, N.H.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Our Town, presented by Top Notch Players, Northern Essex Community College, 8 p.m., \$5, \$4 for students and seniors, Top Notch Theater, Spurr Building, Haverhill campus; Jim Murphy, director, (978) 556-3374.

Confetti 2000 Class, "Building Community through Ritual and Dance," \$10 or as able, Phillips Academy Gymnasium; 470-0988.

Video presentation, "The Navaho and Other Native Americans, Yesterday and Today," sponsored by Life Long Learning Program, 2 p.m., Bentley Library conference area, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; May DiPietro (978) 556-3688.

College/Career Fair, Tewksbury High School, Pleasant

Street, Tewksbury, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Frankly Ballet and More, presented by Northeast Youth Ballet, performance of Frank Sinatra tunes, original works and *Aurora's Wedding*, Act III of Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*, Chevalier Theatre, Medford; (781) 665-2236; <www.northeastyouthballet.org>.

Our Town, Northern Essex Community College, see Thursday, April 6, listing.

Comedy Escape, featuring Kevin Knox and John Turco, 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Route 125/133, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Opening reception, artists Dan Fleming, Ben Gross and Steve Noroian, Essex Art Center Spring

Show, 56 Island St., Lawrence, 5 to 7 p.m., free; 685-2343.

Readings, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, Paul Maion of Loom Press leads a group of authors and poets in readings from their published works, 5 p.m., \$3.

Singles Dance, sponsored by the Billerica Chapter of The Single Life, 8 p.m., Members \$6, Guests \$8, Knights of Columbus, Burlington; Steve 988-9528 or Donna 658-2410.

3rd Annual Patriotic Play, performed by Heath Brook and Trahan Schools, 10 a.m. (rain delay, April 11, 10 a.m.); David Marcus (978) 640-7870.

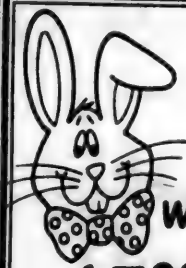
Senior Safari Dance, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., \$5, Andover High School, school cafeteria, Andover; parents wishing to chaperone, contact Cornelia Kessler 623-7028, or Mary Dennehy 409-1333.

Wenham Museum Invitational Art Show 2000, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 7-8, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children 2 and up, Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., handicapped accessible, Wenham Museum, 132 Main St., Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Concert, sponsored by Crossroads Coffeehouse, featuring Tabasco Fiasco, 7:15 doors, 8 p.m. show, \$12, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 687-3960, 687-7948 after 5:30 p.m. concert

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Through Story & Song, performed by Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell, 2 p.m., free tickets from the

Children's Room, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; (978) 623-8400. **Frankly Ballet and More**, Northeast Youth Ballet, see Friday, April 7, entry.

Our Town, Northern Essex Community College, see Thursday, April 6, listing.

Gala Auction, presented by Creative Arts, non-profit community arts school, 7 p.m. silent auction, followed by live auction, music, refreshments, cash bar, \$15 each or \$25 per couple, Meadow Brook Golf Club, Reading; (781) 942-9600.

Comedy Escape, featuring Kevin Knox and John Turco, see Friday, April 7, listing.

Astronomy Day 2000, sponsored by Merrimack College and North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club, featuring talk by Cosmo Q. Redshift, "On a Clear Night You Can See Forever," displays, observing, 7 p.m., second floor, Mendel Center, Merrimack College; Ralph Pass, evenings, 470-1255.

Workshop, "House History Research," sponsored by Andover Historical Society, presented by Juliet Mofford, historian, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5, reservation requested; 475-2236.

Confetti 2000 Performance, 4 p.m., \$5 donation if able, Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy.

Healthy Kids Day, 1-5 p.m., free, YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., free, YMCA, 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence; Elizabeth Payne

(978) 725-6681.

Concert, featuring Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, performed by combined choirs and orchestras of Phillips Academy and Phillips Exeter, 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover, handicapped accessible; Christopher Walter (978) 749-4995.

Peter, Paul & Mary, 8 p.m., \$38.75-\$55, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Rd., Beverly; Barbara Dempsey (978) 232-7223.

10th Annual Spring Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., free admission, Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines, "Don't Touch That Dial," 7:30 p.m., \$15 (portion of proceeds donated to area charities), Beverly High School Auditorium, 100 Sohler Rd., Beverly; Linda (978) 744-8664, or Kathy (978) 744-1846.

23rd Annual Flea Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 50¢ table rentals \$14-\$20, not handicapped accessible, Greenwood Union Church, 4 Oak St., Wakefield; Nancy (781) 245-8562.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Sleeping Beauty, presented by Dance Prism, 2:30 p.m., \$10 children and seniors, \$16 adults, Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Shawsheen Road; tickets and information (978) 371-1038.

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, 2 hours, Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Topsfield, meet at 1:30 p.m., near parking lot, Faith Evans (978) 356-2098.

Frankly Ballet and More, see Friday, April 7, entry.

Requiem, performed with an orchestra as part of a church service by Andover's South and West

Parish church choirs, 10 a.m., West Parish Church, Reservation Road, Andover.

Cradle Roll, presented by Temple Emanuel's nursery school, hands-on workshop focusing on Passover, for ages 3-5 and their parents, including crafts, story-telling, singing and snack, 9 a.m., \$5, call for reservation by April 6; 470-1356.

Concert, sponsored by Andover Chamber Music Series, featuring Nina Scolnik and the Lydian String Quartet, 4 p.m., \$16, \$12 students and seniors, First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover; 470-8874.

Concert, Harpsichord Recital by Richard Troeger, 3 p.m., \$10 by dialing 475-0529 or at door, Christ Church Parish Hall.

Organ Concert, Berj Zamkochian with the 30th Anniversary Festival Orchestra, Jeffrey Brody, Conductor, Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Rt. 28), Methuen, \$25 artist's circle, \$12 general admission.

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"Matzah Factory & More," early session 8:45 a.m., late session 11 a.m., students K-6, Temple Emanuel, Andover.

Concert, featuring Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, performed by combined choirs and orchestras of Phillips Academy and Phillips Exeter, 3 p.m., free, Phillips Church, corner of Front St. and Tan Lane, Exeter Academy campus, Exeter, N.H., handicapped accessible; Christopher Walter 749-4995.

Big Easy Jazz Brunch, performed by Samming Rimington and the Big Easy Jazz Band, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$20, \$15 students, Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Dina Brown (978) 556-3732.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

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Andover High School Parent Advisory Council talks about the proposed new school and will discuss a follow-up program to "Not My Kid; Not in Andover," 7:30 p.m., High School media center; 623-8600.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Restaurant critic Betty Pierce, restaurant connoisseur column writer for AAA's Merrimack Valley News, speaks at the AARP local chapter, Senior Center, Whittier Court, 1:30 p.m.

Rejoicing with Flowers, floral demonstration by floral designer Pauline Runkle with members of the Andover, Boxford, Haverhill, Lawrence, North Andover, Spade and Trowel, and Village garden clubs, 7 p.m. North Andover Middle School, Main Street, North Andover, MaryAnn Luther 682-1128.

Poet Samuel Hazo narrates his work at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 7 p.m., free admission, Peter Waldron (978) 837-5159.

Transfer College Evening, Northern Essex Community College, Spunk Building Lobby, Haverhill, 5 to 8 p.m.

Evening of Jazz, Andover middle and high school jazz bands perform under the direction of Alan Minkinen and Bran-

don Psenicka, respectively; Andover High Winter Percussion will also perform, Collins Center for the Performing Arts, Shawsheen Road, 7:30 p.m.; Gerry Deyermund 474-9296.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Poetry reading, Lamont Poetry Series, performed by Yusef Komunyakaa, 8 p.m., free, Phillips Exeter Academy, Assembly Hall, Front St., Exeter, NH; (603) 777-3343.

International adoption seminar, The Florence Crittenton League, 7 p.m., 119 Hall St., Lowell, (978) 452-9671.

Poetry reading, Powow River Poets presents Jennifer Rose who reads from her new book, *The Old Direction of Heaven*, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Newburyport Art Association Gallery, 65 Water St., Newburyport.

Asthma management meeting, Peabody Community Life Center, 79 Central St., Peabody, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., features Dr. Faysal Hasan on "The Overuse of Beta 2 Agonists," advance registration, (978) 388-1331.

Panel discussion, Salem State College English Department presents "What the Average Joe and Mary Think: Media Democracy and Public Opinion," Charlotte Forten Hall, 4th floor, Salem State College Library, 352 Lafayette St., 7 to 9 p.m., free.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Senior Community Breakfast, Janice Hrenko of Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley on "Keeping Current: Updates on Medicare and the Senior Pharmacy Program," 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sutton Hill Center, North Andover.

Poet Emilio Mozo reads from

his new book, *Hotel Des Etrangers*, along with Mark Schorr, Margarita Curtis and Peter Lorenzo on guitar, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., 7 p.m.; Julie Carlson 475-0143.

Antiquities Identification and Evaluation Evening, Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy, 6 to 8 p.m., \$15 or \$10 for museum members, 749-4490.

Gathering of Women, "Who Will Catch Me if I Fall?" at Tewksbury Public Library, corner of Chandler and Main streets, 7:30 p.m., free.

Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc., "Everything You Wanted to Know, But Didn't Know Whom to Ask," Village Green Restaurant, Danvers, 7 p.m., \$10; (781) 861-6972.

Book Fair, Sanborn School Media Center, 3 to 8 p.m.; 623-8860.

Math and Technology Night, Bancroft School, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 623-8880.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Open Mike Night, sponsored by West Middle School media center and Memorial Hall Library's young adult department, opportunity for teens to perform music or drama, entry forms at library and both Andover middle schools, audience and performers eligible for door prizes, performance 7-9:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Beth Kerrigan, 623-8401 Ext. 36.

Singles Dance, Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury, 8 p.m. to midnight, \$8.

Single Executives Club Dance, Sheraton Colonial Hotel, Lynn-

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Living

Creative winds blowing at South Church on Saturday night

By Neil Fater

It's Saturday night, and you can catch a bit of a movie, or listen to your favorite funk band. No surprise there.

The surprise is, you could do both at a church service.

For nearly two years now, in fact, Andover's South Church has offered an alternative Saturday evening service called South Winds. For many wayward church-goers, it's been the breath of fresh air they've needed to blow them back into the pews.

"It actually has its own liturgy. We traditionally think of liturgy as something written in the Middle Ages," says Mike Ebner, a Phillips Academy chaplain and South Church youth minister. "The idea of South Winds is to create a free liturgy."

So South Winds services use clips from Robin Williams movies, a wide variety of live music, and even Groucho Marx glasses to loosen things up and promote discussion.

"It's the kind of thing that makes people look at the process in a new way," says Winds organizer Ed Parker, of Carlisle Street. "You don't expect to go to a service and have people turn around with funny noses and glasses on."

South Winds organizers like Parker say that, for some people, the weekly sameness of their traditional service can cause the service to lose some meeting. Some people lose touch with their houses of worship,

says Parker, because Sunday mornings "can become a series of announcements interrupted by sermons and church hymns."

That's one reason South Winds had replaced stan-

dard church moments with something new each week.

At the last 5 p.m. service, March 25, South Church hosted Noel Stookey, "Paul" from the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary. Stookey played music at the service, and Elizabeth Stookey, a minister and chaplain at the Northfield-Mt. Hermon School, spoke to the crowd.

"In some ways, they were doing in their marriage and their ministry what we were doing with South Winds," says Ebner.

"Our service (in mid-March) was about the seven deadly sins. We've talked to pastors who've said they never would have

touched it," says fellow organizer Doug Bate. "But we had some fun with it. We had them vote on what is the deadliest sin."

South Winds' predominantly Andover attendees put pride at the bottom of the list. For them, the worst was greed.

"By removing those standards elements from the service you end up with a total focus on the topic. The

readings are aimed at it, the music is aimed at it," says Bate. "You've really been immersed for the 50 minutes."

But even with all these changes, South Winds supporters say they have not tinkered with the religious aim of the service. God is still at the center of South Winds, they say.

"It's scripturally based, it is theologically driven, but it uses a media that's familiar to people," says Ebner.

Ebner also says the service is not meant to compete with or "steal" those who attend other services. In fact, South Winds was not formed because of sagging church membership, it was created when South Church was growing.

"I think people come to church in large numbers trying to understand their own lives. Growth in a church simply means you have your work cut out for you," says Ebner. "How do you engage these people?"

"The whole world now is saying, 'We're spiritual, not religious,'" says Ebner.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Needleart Class: A new 10-week session of needleart class will begin Monday, April 10, under the direction of Carolyn Mattedi. Work in a variety of styles - bring a project of your choice - or Carolyn will get you started on one. \$20 for the session.

Computer classes: Our spring semester will include classes in beginners, advanced beginners, novice, Internet, word processing, and Print-Shop. Registration for all

spring classes will take place at the Center on Wednesday, April 12, and Friday, April 14, at 2 p.m. Numbers will be given out at 1:30. Due to the demand for classes, we regret that we cannot accept registrations outside these scheduled hours.

Suzuki Violin Performance: Everyone is invited to join us Tuesday, April 11 at 4 p.m. as students from South School bring their violin music and talents to the center. No charge.

Passover Seder: We'll host a traditional Passover meal Thursday, April 13, at 4 p.m.

This event is open to everyone, so if you've never experienced the cultural or historical aspects of a seder, please join us. Tickets are available at the center for \$5 on an advanced purchase basis. No tickets will be available at the door.

Visiting Artist Demonstration: All interested artists and non-artists alike are invited to join us Wednesday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m. when our guest artist will be Elaine Meisinger of Andover. Elaine will conduct a workshop in watercolor technique, as well as showing an example of her "crinkle technique." Advance registra-

tion (\$5) is appreciated.

Men's Breakfast: Our men's group cordially invites all interested senior men to join them Friday, April 14, at 8:30 a.m. for the monthly get-together. "Weather Facts Fun" is the topic, and Dick Whelan is the guest speaker. Dick has served as the official weather watcher for Boston television stations since 1964. Reservations, \$3 per person, may be made by calling the center.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group will meet at the drop-in center Monday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. Bring your problems, solu-

tions, or frustrations to the group, or call Don Sagaser at 475-6116 for more information.

Creative Cooking Class: Come join our creative cooking teacher, Ed Alessi, as he works his magic and creates a great lunch for us, with recipe-sharing, food, fun, and friendship Wednesday, April 19, at 9 a.m. Advance registration (\$5) is appreciated.

Hearing Screening: Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network will be on hand at the center to provide complimentary hearing screenings for seniors. Please note that these

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BIRTHS

ARDINI - A daughter, Olivia Maureen, born to John and Kristin (Olivero) Ardini of Lynnfield on Feb. 17 at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Vincent and Maureen Olivero of Melrose, Robert Ardini of Peabody and Rosaline Troisi of Andover.

DIVINCENZO - A son, Christian Anthony, born to Peter and Jennifer (Parker) DiVincenzo of 3 Carisbrooke St., Dec. 9 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Richard and Judith Parker of Winchester and Anthony and Georgianna DiVincenzo of Beverly. Christian joins his big sister, Gabriella.

FARNHAM - Emma Margaret Farnham was born March 13 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Her parents are Julie A. (Arsenault) and Glenn M. Farnham of Andover. Grandparents are Beverly Farnham of North Andover and Raymond and Margaret Arsenault of Andover.

GRAHAM - Caroline Victoria Graham was born Friday, March 10. Her parents are John and Sheila (Connor) Graham

of Aspen Circle. Caroline has a brother, Nicholas. Her grandparents are Jack and Frances Graham of North Andover and Carol and Michael Connor of Marietta, Ga.

HUNT - A daughter Meredith Grace, born to Edward and Nancy Ann (Moore) Hunt Sr., of 23 Somerset Drive, on March 4 at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Moore of Wallingford, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Hunt of North Haven, Conn. Meredith joins sisters and brothers Edward, 12; Amelia, 9; Bethany, 5; Benjamin, 3; and Jeffrey, 17 months.

KOBELSKI - A daughter, Abigail Rose, to Jane and Brian Kobelski of Sutherland Street on Feb. 9 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are Gerald and Carol Kobelski of Tewksbury, Lucy Rose Colbert of Lawrence and Harold Mosher of Farmington, N.H. Abigail has two sisters, Maggie, 4 and Elizabeth, 2.

LATTANZIO - A son, Kyle Ray Lattanzio, born to Scott and Irene (Knoblock) Lattanzio, of

24 Canterbury St., on Feb. 28 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Knoblock Jr. of Duxbury and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lattanzio of Andover. Kyle joins brother Ryan, 16 months.

MORTON - A daughter, Casey Ann, born to David and Kerry (Polzer) Morton of Wellesley on Feb. 22 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are David and Judy Morton of Andover and Carol Hogan and Phil Thorpe of Stonington, Conn. Casey joins sisters and brothers Caitlin, 6; Erin, 4; Connor, 2; and Patrick, 1.

OLF - A son, Aidan Louis, born to Cheri and Ronald Olf of Andover, Feb. 1 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are Barbara and Joseph C. Faso Jr. of Burlington and Barbel Olf and the late Johannes Olf of Germany. Great-grandmother is Gemma Pacific of Somerville. Aidan has a brother, Evan Joseph, 2.

OTT - A daughter, Emily Grace, to Cheryl (Henderson) and Bruce Ott of Andover on Feb. 28 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Ruth

and Alan Henderson of Andover and Rose and Warren Ott of Groton, Conn.

ROBIDOUX - A son, Raymond Bernard, to Andrea and Michael Robidoux of 180 Salem St. on March 30 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Bernard and Bertha Cheren of Wakefield and Raymond and Judy Robidoux of Nahant. Raymond has a sister, Michelle.

SPARROW - A daughter, Emma Elizabeth born to Ken and Kristen (Ommundson) Sparrow of Bradford on March 1 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Carol and Peter Ommundson of Andover and Julie and Charles Sparrow of Baldwin, N.Y.

TYCHSEN - A daughter, Caroline Marie, born

to Will and Katy Tychsen, 100 Hickory Hill Road, North Andover, on March 24 at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Diane and David Murphy and Ann Murphy, all of Andover, and Bill and Shirley Tychsen of Florida. Caroline has a brother, Max, 1½.

WASHBURN - A son, Kiefer MacClellan, to Peter and Elizabeth Washburn of Phillips Academy on Feb. 29 at Melrose Wakefield Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John D. Igleheart of South Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Davis A. Washburn of Maine. Kiefer joins siblings Hunter, Spencer, Taylor, Walker, Parker, Chandler, Skylar and Summer.

WEINER - A daughter, Catherine Alexa, born to Christine and

Andrew Weiner, 18 Rock O'Dundee Road, Andover, March 26 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are Gerald Weiner of Andover and the late Cathy Weiner and Thomas Bodkin and Virginia Bodkin of Belmont.

WITMAN/DONOHUE - A son, Alden James Witman, born to Amanda Witman and Sean Donohue of North Andover on Dec. 6, 1999 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Peter and B.J. Witman of Andover, Donald Donohue of Lawrence, and Adrea and Bernie Gates of Elberta, Ga. Great-grandparents are Bill and Barbara Brown of Concord, N.H. and Ted and Trudy Witman of Salem, N.H. Alden joins sibling Everest, 1½.

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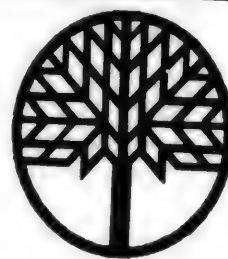
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OBITUARIES

Linda Cutter RE/Max realtor in Andover for 10 years

Linda (Johanson) Cutter, 57, of Andover, died Friday, March 31, at home.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Cutter graduated from Andover High School in 1960 and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Hood College in Frederick, Md. She worked in the office of former Massachusetts Rep. Brad Morse and was also employed in the marketing and research department of Shawmut Bank.

Mrs. Cutter worked in local real estate for several years. She started her career at Berges Real Estate and Victor Real Estate and most recently worked at RE/Max Preferred Realty in Andover for the past 10 years. She was an active member of many national realtors organizations, including the Women's Council of Realtors and the Realtors National Marketing Institute. She participated in many panels and conventions.

A former director of the Andover Chamber of Commerce, she was an active member of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Northeast Association of Realtors.

She leaves her son Brooks of Seat-

tle; brother Ronald Johanson of North Andover; her mother, Edith Johanson of Andover; and two nieces.

Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday at the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, April 7, at 1 p.m. in Christ Church. Cremation will be in Linwood Crematory.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 968, Framingham, MA 01701; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 1 Kendall Square, Bldg. 200, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Clara M. Serverius Retired from Arlington Mills

Clara M. (Bilodeau) Serverius, 92, formerly of Lawrence, died Saturday, April 1, at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Mrs. Serverius was born in Lawrence, and retired from Arlington Mills in that city. She was a member of the former St. Anne Parish.

She was the widow of Ferdinand Serverius and family members include sons Frank of Rochester, N.H., and August of Salem, N.H.; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Albert Serverius.

Arrangements were by Racicot Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence. A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday in Sacred Heart Church, Lawrence. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Marjorie R. Tallmudge Wood Mill weave designer

Marjorie R. (Longbottom) Tallmudge, 89, died Friday, March 31, at Academy Manor Nursing Home after a long illness.

Born in Lawrence and educated in North Andover, Mrs. Tallmudge worked for many years as a weave designer at Wood Mill in Lawrence. She enjoyed arts and crafts.

The widow of Raymond E. Tallmudge, who died in 1983, she leaves a niece, Marjorie R. Jordan of Framingham and nephews Carl W. Schofield Jr. of Gloucester and George E. Schofield of Dennis.

Arrangements were private.

Gertrude Glennie Chaired Red Cross Disaster nurses group

Gertrude "Trudie" Glennie, R.N., 84, of 10 Cheever Circle, died Sunday, April 2, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Glennie graduated from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Concord, N.H. She was also trained in surgical and operating room techniques at University Hospital in Boston.

Mrs. Glennie served as chairwoman of the Red Cross Disaster Nurses and the Civilian Defense Nursing Services for many years.

The widow of C. Douglas Glennie, family members include her daughter, Sandra Getgood of Andover; son Douglas and his wife Estelle; brother T.A. Hill, all of Haverhill; four grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 4 at Caron Funeral Home, 30 Main St., North Andover. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery, North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Kathleen E. Melia Retired nurse

Kathleen Elizabeth (Shannon) Melia, 95, died Saturday, April 1, at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Melia was a mender at Shawshen Mill in Andover. She retired as a licensed practical nurse at Bessie

Deaths Elsewhere

COURTIS - Elias "Leo" Curtis, 87, of Lawrence, formerly of Dracut, died Monday, April 3, at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Members of his family include his sister, Frances Wilson of Andover.

Burke Memorial Hospital in Lawrence.

Born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, she moved to this country when she was 2. She attended Lawrence schools.

The widow of Edward G. Melia, her family members include daughters, Margaret M. Kleven of Middleton and Kathleen E. Melia of North Andover; sons and daughters-in-law Martin J. Melia and Frances of Andover, Edward G. Melia and C. Jayne of California, Laurence P. Melia and Jane of North Andover, Robert L. Mason and Doris of Andover, sisters, Margaret R. Trombly of North Andover and Florence Grimley of Lawrence, 17 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was also mother of the late Mrs. Thomas (Mary F.) Middleton.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, in St. Augustine Church. Burial will follow in Ridgewood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Augustine Church Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, 01810; or Holy Family Hospital Foundation, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Helen J. Heseltine Worked at Raytheon

Helen J. (Murphy) Heseltine, 62, of Lowell, formerly of Andover and Hampton, N.H., died Friday, March 31, at D'Youville Senior Care Center.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Mrs. Heseltine had worked at Raytheon Corp. in Andover. She attended St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Members of her family include sons Charles E. Heseltine of Andover and George J. Heseltine of Arlington; brothers, Thomas Murphy of Andover and Andrew Murphy of Las Vegas; sisters Margaret O'Donnell of Kissimmee, Fla., Mary Jemlich of San Francisco, Therese Murphy of Haywood, Calif., Monica Clancy of Millbrae, Calif., Michaela O'Neil of Roseville, Calif., and Bernadette Parsons, Catherine Kane and Aurelie Amante, all of Hampton; two grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and her former husband, George Heseltine of Andover.

She was the mother of the late Scott J. Heseltine.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, April 4, at St. Augustine Church. Burial followed in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Charles

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Know what you want before you rehab kitchen

By Barbara Mayer
For AP Special Edition

Knowledge is power when you are renovating a kitchen.

"It's expensive and complicated to redo a kitchen, but there are steps you can take to make the job go more smoothly," says Karen Dustman, author of "The Woman's Fix-It Guide to Kitchen Makeovers" (Chandler House Press, \$15.95 paperback). "Before you spend a dime, be clear on what you really want," Dustman says.

Questions to ask yourself: What do you like and hate about your current kitchen? Would you really use those expensive new appliances like a six-burner commercial-style stove that look so great in the magazine layouts? How much and how do you use your kitchen? Do you bake a lot, enjoy gourmet cooking, or mostly re-heat TV dinners?

Since most people expect their kitchen to last a while, it's worth it to try to anticipate needs for the future. Those who use computers or think they might do so in the future might want to set aside space for a computer and-or kitchen office.

"Think down the road a few years, too," Dustman says. "Are you planning

to move? Have children? Expect that elderly parents may move in with you?" Changes such as these may affect what you want or need in your kitchen.

"Despite all those glowing figures about how much of the cost of a kitchen remodel you can expect to recoup in value added to your home, it's important to do a little local reality checking too, especially if there's a chance you might want or need to sell in the next few years," this home remodeling authority says.

How much you realize depends on what you choose to do and what the conditions are in your real estate market. Huge walk-in pantries may or may not be bringing in extra money. A real estate broker can often advise you about what buyers are looking for (and not looking for) in your particular area.

Dustman advises establishing a hierarchy of requirements. Then select the items that you need or desire most to do first, especially if the budget is small. "If you plan well, you can tackle the project in bite-size chunks - kitchen counters and floor tile one year, new appliances the next, for example - and spread the cost over time," she says.

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How long will your kitchen last?

By The Associated Press

The average kitchen undergoes change every 10 to 15 years, and the average appliance lasts about the same length of time, according to the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) in Hackettstown, N.J.

"By the time the appliances need to be replaced, a family's lifestyle has often changed, too, so there are new desires and new requirements," says Rhonda Moritz, NKBA spokesperson.

These days, convenience and time savings are on the wish lists of many consumers.

Moritz listed several new and popular options that answer to these needs. They include:

- A faucet installed from 24 inches to 36 inches above the cooktop. The faucet

can be used to fill large pots at the stove.

- Hot water dispensers that save time needed to boil water for tea, soup or vegetables.

- Stoves that use halogen energy to cook faster.

- A pedal valve placed under the toe-kick of a sink that allows hands-free filling of containers from the faucet. This is a relatively inexpensive option that is both convenient and useful to those with physical limitations.

Some consumers want their kitchen to look more like a living room, so appliances in drawers is another new idea that is catching on, says Moritz. Already available in drawers, albeit expensively, are freezer and refrigerator compartments, dish-washers and microwaves.

Stretching kitchen dollars

By The Associated Press

When the kitchen renovation budget is slim, you need a strategy to make the dollars go farther.

Karen Dustman, author of "The Woman's Fix-It Guide to Kitchen Makeovers" (Chandler House Press, \$15.95 paperback) offers eight tips to get the most for your money.

- Reuse existing fixtures and appliances, or purchase reconditioned antiques for a quaint and classic look at a very good price.

- Hunt salvage and freight-damaged goods shops and scan newspaper advertisements for nearly new appliances or unused building materials that can be incorporated into your remodeled kitchen.

- Buy assemble-yourself cabinets, or

repaint or reface your existing cabinets rather than purchasing standard new kitchen cabinets.

- Choose stock items rather than special-order designs.

- Don't make layout changes that will require moving plumbing or gas lines. This tip will save time as well as money.

- Do some or all of the work yourself. Painting and wallpapering make good DIY projects that are within the capabilities of many people.

- Consider using less expensive laminates for countertop surfaces. For a richer look, accent these with a contrasting edge or a ceramic tile backsplash.

- Bite your tongue every time you find yourself tempted to say the words, "and while we're at it."

Know what you want before you rehab kitchen

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But be efficient. If adding new cabinets and relocating plumbing lines is part of the plan, these things have to be done first. In general, structural work comes first. It also makes sense to do certain projects together. If your walls are opened up it makes sense to do the rewiring. An obliging contractor or kitchen designing consultant should be able to help you develop a plan.

The least expensive yet most visually powerful things you can do are to

repaint, put in new countertops and backsplashes, add new lighting and new vinyl flooring and replace the kitchen faucet and cabinet knobs. Some of these are also the easiest tasks for beginners to tackle.

"If it's your first time tackling a particular job, read everything you can get your hands on about the project and, if possible, get an experienced friend to help you through it the first time," is Dustman's advice. "Home Depot and some of the other 'big box' home improvement stores also offer some

helpful workshops on assorted projects.

"But some people really don't want to become the next Bob Vila, and if you'd really rather let your checkbook do the heavy lifting, that's okay too," Dustman says.

Two issues people often don't think about are ventilation and lighting targeted to the work surfaces. Ducted or outside-vented systems are more effective than the ductless variety. But more is not necessarily better when it comes to ventilation. Too much air

exchange can waste expensively heated or air-conditioned air and can even cause dangerous back-drafting of combustion gasses.

"I'd advise paying particular attention to good lighting," Dustman says. "Don't just buy fixtures because you think they'll look nice. Think about where they can be mounted most effectively, because there is nothing like trying to prepare a meal at a countertop where your shadow falls over your work wherever you turn."

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Professionals tell what principles can be adopted to assure a quality renovation job

By Barbara Mayer
For AP Special Edition

Quality tells, every time, especially in renovations.

Some renovation projects are obviously a change for the better. Others, despite the time and money lavished on them, are a disappointment. What principles can be adopted to assure a quality renovation job?

A contractor, an interior designer and an architect, each who frequently works on home renovation projects, weigh in with their answers:

"Two features characterize virtually every well-done renovation, and especially the living room and dining room," says Lee Stahl, president of The Renovated Home, a contracting and design firm in Manhattan. "The first is a well-done paint job and the second is the presence of fine moldings."

A proper paint job starts well before the paint can is opened, with thorough preparation of the walls. While an excellent paint job might raise the cost of the job from 30 to 40 percent, it's a worthwhile expense, since it will minimize the need for repainting for many years, the contractor says.

How do you know you have an excellent painter instead of a merely expensive one? "Really get into detail. Ask the painter to spell out the steps to

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be taken. These probably will include scraping off old paint and applying various layers of skim coating or canvassing the walls."

As to moldings, "They take a room from ordinary to something really special. I am talking about three-piece crown moldings and three-piece base moldings. The more dimension and detail in the molding, the richer the room looks. Moldings can add 30 percent or more to your millwork budget, but if you put \$10,000 for molding into a job, sometimes you get out more than you've spent in the resale price."

Other touches that say "quality" to Stahl include solid hardwood doors as opposed to hollow-core doors, hardwood floors (planking rather than parquet), and top-quality lighting

fixtures. "With lighting fixtures and most metal applications, the muted tones of antique brass, pewter, and brushed nickel say class to our eyes today as opposed to shiny chrome or highly polished brass," Stahl says.

In kitchens and bathrooms, where tile is used, pay special attention to the quality of the installation, and remember that a tiled floor, counter or backsplash can make inexpensive cabinets look great. Another trick is to upgrade a stock cabinet with high quality hardware.

With kitchen cabinets, Stahl also advises his clients to go with muted finishes. When it comes to the countertop, most people associate stone with quality as compared to synthetic countertops.

Where budget is tight, you'll get the biggest bang for the buck in better hardware and moldings, the contractor says. "You may be able to find prefabricated moldings that are less expensive than custom millwork. They are available and they are great options."

Clutter is the enemy of a quality room, says Charles Gandy, who advises adding cabinetry that makes "a place for everything and everything in its place" when renovating a room.

"By eliminating the clutter,

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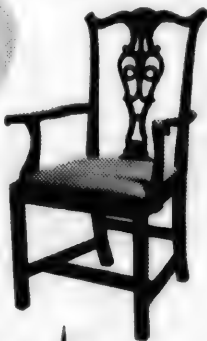
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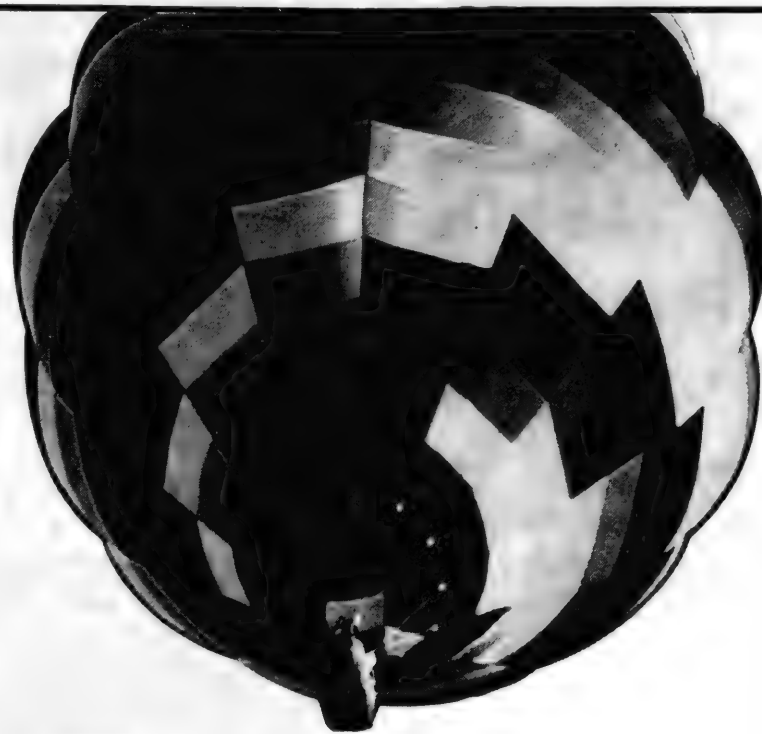
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Renovation principles ...

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whatever you do in redecorating is going to look so much better," says Gandy, who is head of Gandy-Peace, an interior design firm in Atlanta. Gandy is also former national president of the American Society of Interior Designers.

It's often the small things that make a difference in the quality of the renovation job. "When you are renovating, you have an opportunity to make minor architectural changes such as moving a door or window that affect traffic within the house," the designer says.

Gandy advises looking at existing furnishings before buying anything new. Replace items that don't work in a new scheme, but also try rearranging your furniture. By moving your sofa into the middle of room you may end up using it instead of having to replace it.

One project that many people don't think of, but should, is to redesign their lighting system. "Most people don't realize how much light shapes a space," the decorator says.

Since some of the best lighting has only become available in the last decade or so, very few homes are properly lit, Gandy says. He singles out low voltage systems and the many new choices in bulbs as especially useful.

"Simply by changing the bulb, it is possible to vary beam spread from a 6-inch circle to 6 feet in diameter, all from same fixture. In many cases, you can make a huge difference in the look of a room and its comfort and utility simply by putting in new ceiling lighting," says Gandy. And good lighting enhances whatever other changes have been made.

The cost of a new lighting system could be 20 to 25 percent more than what you've already spent, but it is one-time investment and over the life of renovation it could pay for itself in attractiveness and convenience and possibly resale value. Look for the lighting expertise from either an interior designer or a lighting designer or from one of the better electrical supply houses, the designer advises.

To architect David Austin, the best assurance of a quality addition or renovation is sensitivity to what is already there and that may not cost any

extra money!

Austin's first tip is to be not in too much of a hurry. "Lots of times, people buy a house and start to make changes before they have lived in it long enough to understand what should be done. Live in the house for at least a year before making major changes and let the house speak to you."

Think in terms of renovating in the same basic style.

"The most successful renovations usually make the house more of what it already is, rather than introducing another style," he says.

Still, this isn't a hard-and-fast rule. "You can also be successful by contrast. Especially with an antique building, to try to copy in a cheaper way what is already there is normally not a good thing to do. You may be better off making an addition that is clearly of its own time. There are lots of successful modernist additions to old houses."

Finally, have the courage to try to make a change for the better, the architect advises.

"Some people don't even try to renovate because they fear it will cost too much. But a small change can make a big difference, so it's worthwhile to get some professional advice," says Austin, a partner in Austin Patterson Disston in Southport, Conn. "The best renovation jobs we have done are those in which we have solved a lot of the problems physically in one spot rather than by doing lots of projects throughout the house."

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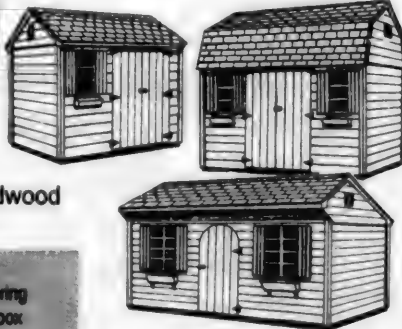
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Latest trend: Ethnic furnishings take design global

By Metropolitan Home Magazine
For AP Special Features

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"We're seeing incredible furniture, accessories and art from all of the world's diverse cultures," says editor-in-chief Donna Warner, "and the most interesting homes right now are rich with ethnicity. The secret is to mix pieces in with your own furniture and strike a balance that adds tone and sophistication. And the good news is that it's very inexpensive to do. Something as simple as a pillow, a couple of yards of exotic fabric, a few hand-carved boxes, or even a lamp can add this exciting new dimension."

Ethnic pieces also provide a way to bring strong color into your rooms without taking on a whole new color scheme. There are fabrics in every price range in hot new shades of turquoise, pink, greens and blues. Or, set the patterned pieces you find against a strong, complementary color, like a white-and-violet Indian batik chair against a warm tangerine wall.

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"Adding furnishings and fabrics from other cultures provides a sense of worldliness, hints at some of the mystery of travel, and makes the subtle suggestion that the people who live here are interested in life beyond their own borders," says Warner. "There's a kind of nostalgia in this look, because of its timelessness. It also reminds us of the way we decorated college dorms in the '60s or '70s. But this is a much more sophisticated take, a trend that is showing up in some of the most stylish rooms in America."

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By Popular Mechanics
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Take a look at some of the different types of roofing: asphalt shingles are used on more than 80 percent of American homes. There are two

main types: organic base and fiberglass base. The organic kinds have a base of felt made from wood and paper. They cost about \$40 to \$50 per square (a square is 100 square foot of roofing) for standard-grade shingles and \$50 to \$80 per square for premium grade. They are attractive, widely available, durable and easy to install.

Fiberglass base shingles are as economical and as easy to use as organic base but they can last five to 10 years longer because they don't absorb water, so they resist warping and cracking better.

Wood roofing, although time consuming to install, is naturally beautiful and can give your home a rugged outdoor look. There are two types: shingles and shakes. Shingles are usually sawn and have a smooth,

finished appearance. Shakes are usually split first and then sawn to a taper on their backs. Because they are split, the face has a rough texture. Wood roofing costs about \$60 to \$100 per square. Flammability is a big worry. Fire retardants can help reduce, but do not eliminate, this danger. Untreated wooden shingles are prohibited in certain areas, so check your local building codes.

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All about track lighting

By Popular Mechanics
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How you choose to light each room of your home can go a long way toward creating enjoyable and functional living spaces. In addition to simply making things a good deal brighter, well-designed lighting plays an important role in generating a comfortable atmosphere. However, solving your lighting problems

doesn't just mean shedding more light on the subject. In many cases, rearranging the placement and intensity of the light sources provides a new look and increases functionality.

While there are many lighting alternatives, one solution is track lighting.

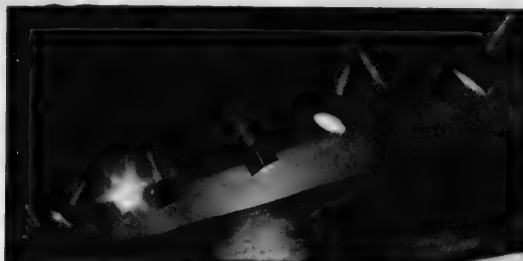
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ceiling junction box, track lighting can usually be installed without any remodeling.

The choices in lighting heads for track lighting range from small, unobtrusive can-shaped fixtures to large, high-tech lamps that lend drama to an interior space.

Before installing tracks, first study the layout of your room and decide on the best placement of the track sections. Plan for the first section to start at an existing ceiling junction box from which the new lighting will receive power. From there on, you can carry the track along one side of the room, or around the entire perimeter. T and L track connectors provide for flexible layout and track branching.

When planning the track locations, keep in mind that the lamp fixtures can be adjusted in any direction so you have the ability to provide both general room illumination and task lighting from a single track. After you've determined the best track configuration, preassemble all necessary track, connectors and lighting fixtures before beginning the installation.



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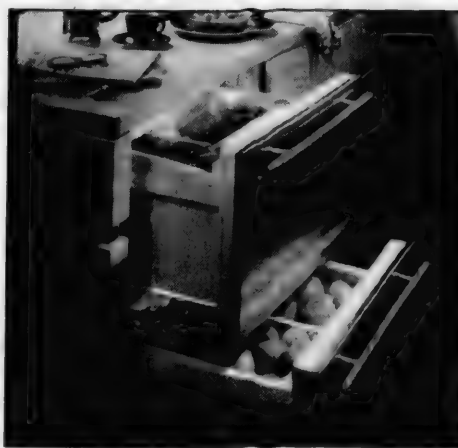
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Arrow Floor Carpet One relocates showroom to Andover

After more than 37 years of successful business in Lawrence, Arrow Floor Carpet One is moving and expanding its retail showroom to Andover. The new location is 207 No. Main St., Shawsheen Plaza, across from Taylor Rental.

Arrow Floor Carpet One is part of the largest buying group in the country, enabling it to get the best pricing, which is passed on to its customers. According to owner Ken Traub, "We have the best and most knowledgeable staff in the area with more than 50 years of experience."

Arrow Floor Carpet One in Andover will continue to operate its Lawrence store as an outlet for the most extensive selection of remnants and off-price material including linoleum, vinyl composition tile, ceramic tile and carpeting.

Arrow Floor Carpet One's usual great selection of carpeting features Bigelow, Milliken, Evans and Black, and the Lees for Living home collection (which has the best warranty in the industry.)

Linoleum floors from Armstrong, Mannington and Congoleum and laminate floors from Pergo and Wilsonart are also available.

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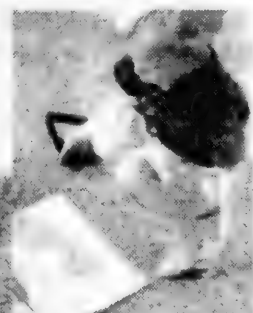
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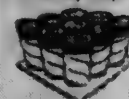
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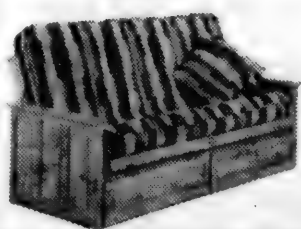
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Drywall installation is harder than you might think

By Popular Mechanics
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Installing drywall, also called wallboard, is not easy work. The typical panel measures 4 X 8 feet, is one-half inch thick, weighs about 100 pounds and can be very awkward to maneuver. That's the bad news. The good news is that it's inexpensive and yields a first-rate interior surface when properly finished.

The product comes in a variety of sizes and thicknesses. In addition to the typical size, you can usually get longer panels - in 2-foot increments up to 16 feet - on special order. The thickness ranges from one-quarter inch, mostly used for covering up old wall surfaces, up to three-quarters inch, which appears mostly in commercial situations.

For consumers, the usual choices are three-eighths, one-half, and five-eighths inch. All can be used on ceilings and walls as long as the framing members are on 16 inches centers. But if you plan to apply texturing to your ceiling, three-eighths is not viable and if you need to install a firewall - between your garage and living area, for example, or around your central heating system - many codes require five-eighths for these

jobs. The one-half-inch-thick panel is by far the most common because it performs well in most situations, especially those that you're liable to confront when doing work around your own house.

Regardless of their length or thickness, the panels are constructed in the same way. The ends of the boards are full thickness, but the long sides are tapered upward from the edge toward the center of the panel. This taper is about 1-and-one-half inches wide and about one-eighth inch deep. When two panels are abutted, edge to edge, a depression is created to accommodate the compound that's needed to finish the joints later. Because the board ends don't have tapers, finishing these butt joints is harder - and usually more noticeable. So, it's best to reduce the number of butt joints to a minimum. Working with longer panels will accomplish this. But of course, they're much heavier and much more unwieldy. Probably the best approach for the nonprofessional is to use the standard panels and simply avoid butt joints whenever possible.

Here are some considerations before beginning the job. Mark the location of all framing members on their adjacent surfaces. For the ceiling that means marking the side of the top plates just

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Tips for home restoration

By The Associated Press

Are you restoring an old house? Here are some tips from Laura Vookles, curator of collections at the Hudson River Museum, which recently restored the 1876 aesthetic movement Glenview Mansion in Yonkers, N.Y.:

- Photographs of the rooms taken in the past can be helpful when you want guidance in creating authentic period details. "Don't assume only photos from your exact period will help. We found many important details from later photos taken of period rooms."

- If your home or its previous owners were considered noteworthy, it

may be been written up in a local newspaper.

- When you need to locate specific furniture, scour antiques publications such as "Antiques" and the "Arts Weekly" or "Maine Antique Digest." "We found an original sculpture from the house in the Maine Antique Digest," Vookles says. Catalogs from dealers are another source. A table for the house came from Neal Auction House in New Orleans.

- Read magazines covering the period of interest. Other sources include antiques dealers, history museums, and the Internet.

Drywall installation ...

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under the ceiling joists. And for the walls, it means marking the floor under each stud, and marking the ceiling panels, once they're in place, to show where the top of the studs fall. Plan to install all the panels perpendicular - not parallel - to the direction of the framing members and start with the ceiling, not the walls.

You can use 1-and-one-quarter-inch drywall screws to attach your half-inch-panels. But 1-and-one-quarter-inch drywall nails are a suitable alternative. We prefer screws over nails because they hold better and are only marginally harder to install, especially if you are doing only one room. If you

have a variable speed drill, that's all you need to drive the screws. But if you have a lot of work to do, renting or buying a drywall screw gun is a better idea. These tools have adjustable nosepieces that regulate the depth that the screw can be driven. When set properly the gun should drive a screw just below the panel surface. The screw should compress, but not tear, the paper. Nails should be driven to the same depth.

While using a screw gun is a nice convenience, renting a drywall lift - about \$25 a day - is almost a necessity. You can lift up the panels by hand, but you'll need help and the job is far from fun.



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Getting the most out of your garden



Photos by Patricia Ryan



By Jennifer Valeri and Michelle Eld

If you're one of those people who's attacked by spring fever the first week of March, you probably find it hard to wait till May to start planting in your garden. Unfortunately, even if the weather is nice in March and April, the nights still get a bit chilly. Those unforgiving frosts can wipe out hours of your hard work in a very short time.

One way to keep your hobby thriving in the middle of March is to start seeds indoors. Later, when the time is right, you can transfer them to your garden outdoors, where they'll continue to grow and flourish. The Garden Web advises you hold off on starting your seeds until at least mid-March, if you're planning to plant the first week of May.

The same basic rules apply to starting seeds indoors as they do outdoors: they need soil, light and water. If you can provide those three basic requirements, you're home free.

According to Garden Web, it's essential you use sterile soil. Some gardeners prefer making their own soil, which entails sifting out large clumps and stones and then sterilizing the remaining soil in the oven; undoubtedly a time-consuming process. Or, if you don't feel like making your own, head to the store and pick some up, making sure the package says it's been sterilized.

Then, after it's been moistened, place the soil in peat pots, Dixie cups or egg cartons, for example. You don't always have to use a fancy store-bought pot for your seeds; be creative and you'll cut costs.

Light is one thing your seedlings will need a lot of. Make sure you place them near windows that see sun the majority of the day. Just because you put them on a window sill doesn't necessarily mean they get enough light. That window might see the sun for only a couple of hours a day, or maybe there's an awning over it, blocking out most sun rays.

And even if you put the plant near a window that receives full sun, you might want to supplement it with artificial light, according to Garden Web. Using just artificial light and no

natural sunlight is possible too, although you'll need a lot of it, as it's not easy to recreate the intensity of the sun.

As far as moisture goes, the soil must be kept moist, but you have to be careful not to let it get soggy. It's probably best to water your seedlings from below. This way, the soil will soak up the water like a sponge.

So how do you know when it's time to transplant your seeds to your outdoor garden? Garden Web advises planting them outside just as they become large enough to survive the transplanting. Usually this is about four to six weeks after sowing, when the plants have at least two sets of leaves.

How does your garden grow?

Soil is the crucial ingredient in your garden, for obvious reasons. But, Mr. Tompkins advises that the inexperienced gardener should evaluate the area where he or she is planting. Observe the amount of sun your garden plot receives and how safe it is from elements such as wind.

Turn your soil. Is it wet or clay-like? If it is rocky or less than perfect for planting, consider adding nutrient-rich potting soil or screened loam.

Survey the area. Are there large trees that can overshadow your plot or tree roots that could hinder the growth of your shrubs or flowers.

Deciding what to plant is the enjoyable portion of gardening. Mr. Tompkins said once you know your area, any nursery can help you choose plants.

"Check the flowering time of plants," he said. "Some are early spring, some are late fall. You need to decide what you want."

For beginning gardeners, Mr. Tompkins recommends doing some homework. "Do your research," he said. "There are tons of books for do-it-yourselfers. There's the Internet, tons of the information, and of course, the library. Just look for help and get whatever information you can."

Local nurseries and landscapers can provide information, as well. He cautions that everyone would offer

different suggestions for a garden and seeking advice is one way to consider all your options.

As for what to plant, Mr. Tompkins recommends variety - at least in the color palette. Different shades will be more pleasing to the eye.

For flowers, roses are a common favorite, he said, but can attract Japanese beetles.

He recommends perennials, such as digitalis, brunnera, achillea, sedum, phlox, hemerocallis, corydalis and astilbe.

For shrubs and trees, his favorites include evergreen pines, ("It's pretty tough to kill a pine," he advises.), maples, birch, dogwoods and andromeda trees. "And holly," he said. "Holly is really nice, but not a lot of people use it."

The art of planting

So, you've gotten to the point where it's time to plant. This is a crucial stage of the game.

Before you unpot your plant, dig a hole 50 to 100 percent larger than the root ball of the plant, according to Garden Web. Then, work compost or peat moss into the soil you're removing from the hole.

Bill Tompkins of Tompkins Landscaping said this is common error many do-it-yourselfers make. He said it is better to have a larger hole, than to leave your root ball floating to high above the dirt.

"Your hole should be two to three times the size of your root ball," he said. "This will help the plant root in. A lot of people just barely dig a hole large enough to put the plant in."

Another error is forgetting to unwrap a plant or root ball, believing you are protecting the plant. Not so, said Mr. Tompkins.

"We always take the burlap off," he said. "It really isn't going to root securely into the ground for a year, and anything we can do to help that process along, we do."

Some shrubs or plants come with twine wrapped around the root area. This twine must be removed or else your plant won't grow and develop as well as it should. As the plant grows,

the twine can actually choke the plant, causing it to die.

When unpotting the plant, hold the pot upside down. Hit the bottom with the palm of one hand, while holding the plant with the other. When planting in the ground, gently spread the plant's existing roots on top of the soil mound.

When filling in the hole after planting, make sure to leave a "moat" around the plant, and then fill it with water. Do this a few more times after each dose of water has drained. This helps the soil settle and to fill any air pockets that might have formed, according to Garden Web.

Fill in the moat with the remaining soil and mulch around it, leaving a gap in the mulch around the stem to prevent rotting.

Water is, of course, a key element to your garden's growth. Mr. Tompkins said a daily watering, either early in the morning or in the evening, is sufficient for smaller plants, until the heat waves of June, July and August. Then, twice-a-day drinks for your plants is recommended.

The last step is to sit back and watch it bloom throughout the season.

Pests and bugs

But wait. There are other creatures waiting for your plants to succeed - so they can attack. Bugs and other pests are a common problem of many gardeners. Mr. Tompkins advises using the following schedule to maintain a lush lawn and to prevent the spread of insects within your garden.

"You need to do it about five times a year," he said.

First, he recommends a spring treatment, treating for weeds, pests and fertilizing at the same time. In early summer, the same is true - a treatment of weed and feed, another treatment in mid-summer, as grubs begin appear in large numbers around this time. A late summer treatment fertilizes and a last one in the fall can ensure your lawn will be healthy all winter.

As for preserving that moist soil in the garden, Mr. Tompkins said mulch is a must. Fertilize before you put the mulch down, and after the mulch is down, a liquid fertilizer will seep in to keep the plants and flowers fresh.

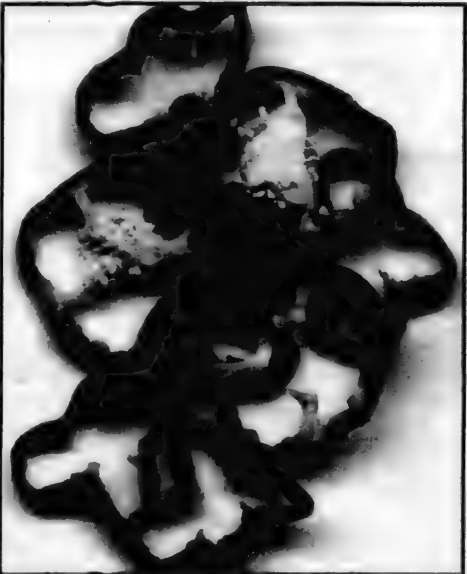
Vegetables

What could be more rewarding than being able to eat the products of your garden? Vegetable gardening is, obviously, a warm-weather endeavor in our area, but spring and summer months allows for rapid growth of a vegetable garden, as long as you follow some simple rules.

Garden.com states vegetable gardens require the same elements as flowers, shrubs or herbs, with only a few adjustments.

Plan your space wisely, considering the size of the fruits or vegetables you plan to plant. Sunlight varies depending on the plant. Leaf plants, such as lettuce or cabbage, thrive in partial sun, while tomatoes and nearly all other fruits and vegetables require long hours of daylight.

A fenced-in area is a good idea, considering how attractive your plants are to small creatures, such as



raccoons, rabbits or even neighborhood cats.

A nursery can recommend traps or treatments to repel the animals.

Good soil is necessary, however, well-drained soil is more important. In preparing soil for a vegetable garden, experts recommend using a spade, rather than plowing a garden plot. Turning the soil before planting will only aid the growth of your seeds or seedlings.

When starting out, there are two options - planting seeds or purchasing plants. The choice is contingent on what vegetable you are looking to grow, and how much time you can devote to seeds prior to the May planting time.

If you opt for seeds, consider a heat plant, states gardening.com. The lamp will help nurture the seeds and increases its strength before placing it into the ground.

Any seedlings should be hardened before planting. Hardening toughens

the plant's leaves and roots in preparation for wind, rain and increased temperatures. It is recommended this is done slowly by placing the plants outdoors for a few hours a day for a two-week period, increasing the time as the weeks go on.

Below is a list of common garden vegetables with some helpful tips from gardening.com

- Asparagus - an early spring vegetable
- Horseradish - grows well in most conditions
- Beet - well adapted to all soils; must wait until all cold is gone
- Carrot - primarily a summer vegetable; can be seeded early in spring
- Potato - most productive in terms of land-to-food ratio; plant two types, one for summer growth, one for winter
- Cucumbers - warm weather only; thrives in late spring; beware of beetles
- Green beans - snap beans are the most successful; lima beans are troubled by New England climates and are only successful for a few hot months
- Cauliflower - hearty vegetable; succeeds during prime season of late spring early summer; too-high temperatures can stunt growth
- Chives, onions, garlic - fairly successful under simple summer conditions
- Peppers - wait until soil is warm; similar to tomatoes in growth spurts
- Tomato - spring, summer and autumn plant; start plants five to seven weeks before planting in order; plenty of water; extremely sensitive to cold.

Adding herbal spice

How about herbs? Nothing adds to an Italian dish like fresh basil, not to mention the smell of fresh rosemary. Herbs can be grown indoors or out, and are a nice alternative for a young person or senior citizen living in an apartment with no garden space.

According to Garden.com, herb growers are safest starting with a six-inch to eight-inch pot. Good potting soil is a must, as is adequate drainage. Herbs should be watered to keep the soil moist, not soggy.

Use one pot per plant and be sure your plants can get six to eight hours of sunlight or use a growth light for 12 hours a day.

Outdoors, herbs are planted just as any other flowering plant. Wait until there is no risk of frost and water the site well. With outdoor space, an herb garden can be designed for a more formal effect.

Pinch the growth regularly to ensure the plant will flourish, and washing and hang those pinchings for use in recipes or potpourris.

Garden.com recommends perennial herbs, but cautions they fall into two categories - hearty and tender.

The tender herbs require protection in the winter, as they are not frost tolerant.

Oreganos, mints, thymes, chives, catnips and culinary sages are more tolerant to cooler climates.

Tender perennials include: French lavenders, rosemary, geraniums,

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Tea Gardens

Attention: Herb Lovers

Create your own tea garden with these tips from Garden.com:

1. Plant in a sunny spot. Herbs require a sunny location and should receive at least six hours of sun a day.
2. Locate your tea herb garden in a well-protected area so that drying winds don't wilt newly planted seedlings.
3. Space herb plants appropriate to their growth habits so they'll have plenty of space to spread out.
4. Mulch around the base of the herb plants to discourage weeds and help retain soil moisture.
5. For troublesome spreaders such as mint, cut the bottom of the pot out and sink the pot with the plant in it, into the ground.

Herbs to Steep

Mint: Often considered a tea accessory, mint tea is also a refreshing drink in itself. Experiment with your favorite mint types, such as peppermint, spearmint, orange mint and pineapple mint. Use fresh leaves or dried to make the tea: just steep in boiling water, then add a sprinkle of sugar or honey to sweeten.

Bergamot: This herb infuses the sweet, citrus taste that is the distinguishing flavor of Earl Grey tea. Add the leaves and flowers of this plant to make your own version of the popular English tea.

Lavender: This has a slightly sweet taste and infuses tea with a flowery flavor. Just steep the flowers in boiling water.

Anise hyssop: This anise-flavored plant, which bears fragrant and tasty leaves, makes a tea that tastes just like licorice. Clip a few off and use about two teaspoons in a cup of boiling water.

Lemon verbena: This is the perfect lemon-lovers tea. To make, clip and cut two tablespoons of the fresh leaves and add to a cup of boiling water; allow to steep for five minutes.



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Violas are shade-loving perennials.

Getting the most out of your garden

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lemongrass, bay laurel, curry, and patchouli. As a result, these herbs are less common in the North east than some of the heartier ones.

Annuals will die within one growing season. They include basil, cilantro, fennel, summer savory and parsley.

Some herbs such as basil and parsley can succeed indoors, under the proper temperature and watering conditions.

Shade-lovers

Not all flowers and plants need a heavy dose of sun to thrive. Some do just fine in the shade, or partial shade. When planning the layout of your garden, you need to consider which flowers need sun and which need shade.

Shade isn't a cut and dried thing, though. Perhaps the area isn't completely shaded throughout the day; maybe it gets a bit of sun in the morning but shades over in the afternoon. Or maybe, with the passing of seasons, the shade coverage changes. You need to take all of this into consideration when deciding on the type of plants for your garden.

For those of you who are unsure which plants crave shade, here's a list of perennials and annuals that do, according to The (No) Problem Garden website:

Perennials:

- Ajuga (bugle weed)
- Astilbe
- Bishop's Weed (Snow on the Mountain)
- Caladium (tender bulbs)
- Ferns (all varieties)
- Hosta (all varieties)
- Jack in the Pulpit
- Lily of the Valley
- Lungwort
- Myrtle (vinca minor)
- Solomon's Seal
- Viola
- Violets

Annuals:

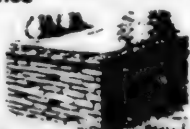
- Begonia
- Coleus
- Impatiens
- Mimulus (Monkey Flowers)
- Pansy (partial shade)
- Snapdragons (partial shade)

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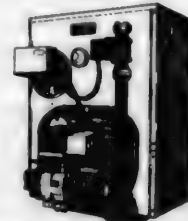
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Easter is a dangerous time of year for cats. Keep Easter lilies away from your pet. If your cat eats an Easter lily it will die unless it gets prompt medical attention.

Plants cause harm to pets

By Anne Irving
For AP Special Edition

The Easter season always heralds the rebirth of growing things, but the dark side is that the new flowers and plants can be perilous to your pet.

It's a particularly dangerous time of year for cats, says Dr. Michael Knight of the National Animal Poison Control Center (NAPCC) in Urbana, Ill. "Probably the worst season we would see would be cats around Easter, and as spring comes in, we see more problems," he says. "A cat that eats an Easter lily dies unless it gets prompt medical attention."

Easter lilies are just one of the plants that can pose a danger to animals, both large and small. According to Dr. Knight, most of the calls that come into the NAPCC concern "small companion

animals - dogs and cats, parrots, caged birds. And most pet owners have plants in the home," perhaps because of a "nurturing instinct."

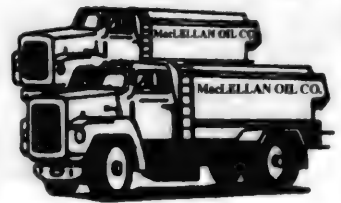
Most plants must be ingested to be toxic, and the reaction often depends on the amount of material consumed. To make it more confusing, different parts of a plant can be the culprit. Some plants, like the yew, have poisonous properties in all parts, while others may have only poisonous leaves, berries, fruits, or roots.

Many pets instinctively know when to stay away from poisonous plants, but behavior varies according to age and type of animal. Dogs and cats approach eating differently, and puppies can be particularly susceptible to poisoning. "Dogs that are teething will chew on

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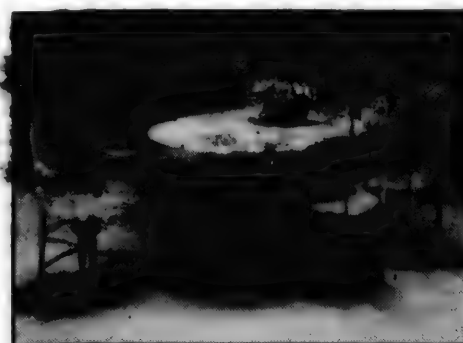
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Plants can cause harm to pets

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anything they can get their mouths on, and the first year is the most dangerous time," says Knight. He adds that breeds like retrievers are especially at risk because they instinctively put things in their mouths.

Plants pose a problem to both kittens and adult cats, since felines tend to be lifetime nibblers. But cats, unlike dogs, like to smell things first, and "are more discriminate about what they eat," Knight says.

Pet owners really need to be aware of potentially hazardous plants throughout the year. In spring, some popular outdoor plants to beware of include azaleas, rhododendrons, nandinas, hollies, and yews. Stargazer, Asian, and tiger lilies are just as dangerous to cats as Easter lilies.

Other spring blooms, including tulips, hyacinths, and alliums can also be harmful, and the bulb is the most toxic part of the plant. According to Knight, "a lot of times people will bring home a bouquet, maybe from a wedding or a funeral, and a lot of those bouquets will contain some plants that cause problems."

In summer, common plants such as hydrangea, clematis, and English ivy can be problematical. The foxglove, used to make human heart medicines, is toxic when eaten by pets. Seeds of many plants are also poisonous, including those of morning glories and castor beans. Just two to four castor bean seeds are enough to cause an animal's death.

In autumn, owners should keep their pets away from autumn crocus, another member of the lily family. It contains the substance colchicine, which inhibits the ability of cells to divide. It's also the time of year when spring bulbs are planted. "Dogs like to go behind their owner when they're planting bulbs and dig them up, or they'll find a bag of bulbs lying on a garden table and pull it off and chew it up," Knight says. Dogs also can easily be poisoned from the berries of the abelia or suffer digestive problems from eating too many acorns.

Fall can be hazardous for horses, especially if there are red maples, apple or cherry trees in the area. Stems and

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leaves contain cyanides, which become more toxic as the leaves fall off the tree and begin to dry out. According to veterinarians at the NAPCC, there is an unknown compound in the leaf that does not seem to be a problem until leaves begin to wilt and drop from trees.

As the holiday season approaches, owners should beware of decorative holiday plants such as mistletoe and amaryllis, as well as ordinary houseplants.

Many people erroneously believe poinsettias can be harmful to pets, but Knight says there is "no evidence" of ill effects if animals munch on the popular Christmas season plant.

Common houseplants such as philodendron, dieffenbachia, cyclamen, cornstalk plants, sago palms and bird of paradise all contain toxins and are dangerous if ingested by animals.

Knight says that in 1999 NAPCC received around 60,000 calls from concerned pet owners around the world.

NAPCC, allied with the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, is sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and has been in operation since 1978. Twenty veterinarians staff a hotline open 24 hours a day: 1 (888) 426-4435 or 1 (888) 4ANI-HELP.

Additional information on poisonous plants and animals can be obtained at the center's Web site, napcc.aspc.org.

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Mixing flowers and vegetable create big splashes of garden color

By Ed Hutchison
For AP Special Edition

Big, beautiful splashes of garden color can be yours this summer - even if time and space are in short supply. In 2000, great gardening does not mean great spaces or hours of toil.

What has changed in recent years is the introduction of compact flower and vegetable plants and useful, yet whimsical accessories. Together, they deliver plenty of splash that can help you make your garden come alive this summer.

Here are some tips to help:

- Mix flowers with vegetables. Achieve pleasing contrasts in shape, color, and texture by planting flowers for bouquets and vegetables for eating in the same plot. You probably don't want to grow sweet corn alongside dahlias, given the difference in stature of both plants, but popular vegetables like tomatoes and peppers mix well in size, shape and overall color with flowers. Carrots and lettuce make great border plants because of their colorful, shapely foliage.

Radishes can be tucked almost anywhere, even in a Lilliputian-sized plot.

In Saginaw, Mich., where the growing season is a short 18 weeks long, Denise Heredia didn't let a small space deter her dream of having a garden that was great to look at, easily maintained

and bountiful in flowers and vegetables. The diversity was grand: Jetstar tomatoes, purple sweet potato, black sweet potato, bell peppers, miniature sunflower, Africa daisy, white cone flower, geraniums, impatiens and Oriental lilies, to name a few.

Both vegetables and flowers began filling in by early July with flowers for cutting and vegetables for eating by late July through frost in late September.

Because the plot was small, about 15 minutes a day was all that was needed to water, groom plants and pull an occasional weed.

Add accessories. Bird baths are boring compared to what's available now in country and primitive shops, garden centers and similar outlets for crafts made from wood, ceramic, grape vine, glass, fabric, steel and other materials that can be worked by hand. You're likely to find things like garden angels, stars, moons, giant flowers, banners, decorative pots, birdhouses, wreaths and similar items.

Heredia, in Michigan, added an old painted wooden chair, a woman's hat on a stand and several pots filled with small plants atop decorative stepping stones placed on the edge of her garden. The result was a colorful blend of forms and shapes that complemented the plants.

- Choose wisely. Pick plants that

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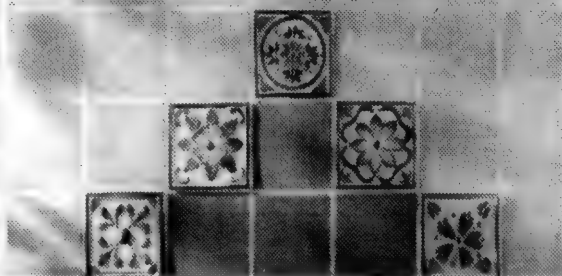
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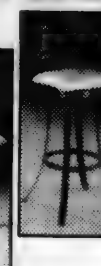
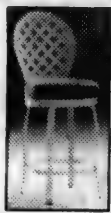
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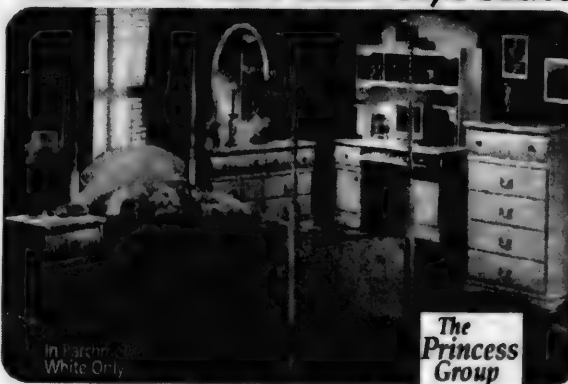
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Timing counts for a lot when it comes to lawn care

By Ed Hutchison

For AP Special Edition

Lawn care is similar to many of life's pursuits in that timing is everything.

Well, maybe not everything. Let's just say it counts for a lot. How and when you invest your time tending the lawn can make the difference between a pretty good lawn and a very good one.

With the spring lawn tuneup season at hand, tasks and timing that will pay big dividends will take you about one hour of time invested weekly. Some weeks will take a bit longer than one hour, some less, depending on the season. Lawn care slows down in the summer as grass slows its growth.

• **Edging.** Trimming away grass that is creeping onto the sidewalk or driveway won't help the grass grow better but it will improve the looks of the entire landscape. Early spring and late autumn are best times for this task because the edger's blade can more easily slice through dense turf when the soil is moist and grass roots are not as thick as other times of year. Tip: Rather than buy an edger or borrow the neighbor's, rent a gas-powered unit instead. Compared to electric- or hand-powered edgers, gas units cut better with less effort, saving time. Since you'll need to edge once or twice a year, why invest in a machine

that takes up space in the garage? Rental fees vary, but expect to pay \$15 to \$25 for a four-hour rental of a machine that would cost about \$250 to buy.

• **Trimming.** Maybe it just seems that way, but grass grows especially well around a tree's trunk where it is beyond the lawnmower's reach. Electric- or gas-powered string trimmers make short work of removing the grass, but the spinning nylon string damages the bark of the tree as it comes in contact with it. You can use hand-powered trimmers, but that typically is an on-your-knees, time-consuming job.

You can protect the trunk and still use a time-saving power trimmer up close in two ways. The first is to circle the trunk with a bed of mulch at least 24 inches in diameter. Any grass that grows in the mulch zone can easily be removed by hand. Even easier is to slip a 15-inch-long piece of black plastic drainage tile around the trunk at its base. Choose a diameter that fits loosely on the trunk; sizes are available up to 8 inches in diameter and that will handle a tree 20 to 30 feet tall. The whipping nylon string will strike the plastic, sparing the tree trunk.

• **Mowing.** Most of your weekly hour will be spent mowing. Mowing at a brisk

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Splashes of color

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match your needs for flower and vegetable production, and overall size. Catalog descriptions, seed packets and tags provide a wealth of information. If your goal is to keep things on the small size, then choose varieties that are more compact in growth but still productive.

Marigolds and zinnias, for example, are available in mature heights that range from 6 to 36 inches. On the other hand, alyssum - no matter the variety grows under 6 inches in height. Compact varieties of tomatoes, peppers, beans, pumpkins, and watermelons are available in seed and transplant form.

If you like tomatoes and want lots of them for eating and canning, be aware that some produce fruit until frost cuts them down (indeterminate), while others produce up to a certain point in the season and then stop (determinate). You can't tell the difference by looking at the plant, but the label or seed packet will tell you.

As long as you're reading about the plants, look into how disease may affect that particular variety. Diseases are hard to control, and if your space and time are limited, the last thing you need is the hassle of fighting them. Disease tolerance or resistance is natural in many varieties, or has been bred into many. Again, the package or care tag will provide details.



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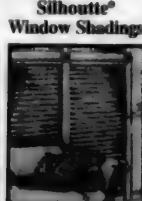
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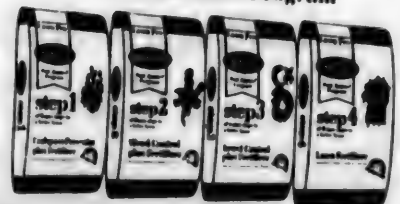
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Timing counts when it comes to lawn care

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pace, a 10,000-square-foot lawn can be mowed in slightly less than one hour, providing time isn't spent emptying the bagger. The good news is twofold: Most lawns are less than this size, and grass clippings left in place on the turf are helpful in returning nitrogen to the soil. Nitrogen is the element grass needs for green color and robust growth. Turf experts agree that you can skip one feeding a year if you leave clippings to decompose on the lawn. Since clippings are made up mostly of water, they decompose in about two weeks. The trick is to mow high - 3 inches or a bit higher - and often enough so only a bit of grass is taken off with each mowing. In the spring and autumn when grass is growing rapidly, this may mean every five days in the summer, and when things slow down, every seven to 10 days.

• **Feeding.** Save time and do a good job with a spreader that throws fertilizer rather than dropping it. These are commonly known as broadcast spreaders, and they can be rented for a few dollars or purchased for \$30 to \$50. A lawn as big as 10,000 square feet can be fed with a broadcast spreader in about 10 minutes, compared to the 45 to 60 minutes it would take with a drop spreader. You won't have to worry about under- or over-lapping marks that appear days later as you do with a drop spreader that drops fertilizer in a relatively narrow band.

You'll need to decide what kind of

lawn you want. If it is one that flourishes and grows so thick that weeds are choked out, feed four to five times between May and November in areas of the country where freezing temperatures occur. The schedule is a bit different in areas with warm-weather grasses, such as St. Augustine, Fla., and Bermuda. In most states, the first feeding comes after the first rush of growth and continues at six-week intervals until the final feeding - one composed of a mix of nutrients and release rates for fall use - sometime between Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Cut down on feeding if you want a lawn that takes less mowing, but be prepared to deal with weeds that will sprout in bare or weak areas. If you opt to feed only once a year, do so late in the fall.

• **Weeding.** No matter how hard you try to avoid them, weeds will appear, although less so in a really thick lawn. Weed-and-feed products save time but neither product (herbicide and fertilizer) is applied at the best time for the lawn. Better to use separate products when they are needed. Dandelions are among the first of the weeds, and they need to be pulled by hand or sprayed with herbicide at least one week before the flowers appear.

A lot of time can be spent avoiding crabgrass by applying a herbicide that stops the weed from sprouting in the first place. This material should be applied about the time the lawn is mowed for the second or third time in the spring.

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Selecting the proper hose

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The plumbing system in your home is a lot like the electrical system. In both cases, you have a fixed array of supply conduits that deliver water and electricity to where it's needed most. You only deal with the permanent terminals - outlet receptacles for electricity, and faucets and drains for water.

Sometimes, though, these fixed terminals are just not enough. When it comes to powering the circular saw in the backyard, you don't think twice - you get an extension cord. When it comes to bringing water to the driveway for the Sunday car wash, you get a hose.

And, the similarities don't stop here. While you may think that one hose is much like the next, you might be surprised at the variations available. In the same way that you choose your extension cord to suit the requirements of the tool or fixture it supplies, your hose selection should be based on the job at hand.

Hoses are distinguished by their diameter, length and the material that they're made of. If you're looking to quickly move a great deal of water, you want a hose with a large diameter.

Watering the garden or spraying the kids on a hot afternoon, on the other

hand, are easily handled with a smaller-capacity version - you'll get a little more pressure while sacrificing some of the volume. Typical garden and utility hose diameters range from one-half to three-quarters of an inch. As to length, you can buy a hose as short as 25 feet, or as long as 100 feet. Like the hose's diameter, its length affects the pressure at the end. There's no point in keeping 100 feet of hose coiled on the side of your house when your garden is only 10 feet away.

Where hoses really start to get different, though, is in their construction. For ease of handling, light weight and economy, most manufacturers offer a basic vinyl hose, usually reinforced with a radial cord. The low-priced versions feature multiply construction offering good service for occasional use.

Serious gardeners, though, look for the addition of rubber in their hose. Although rubber is heavier than vinyl and somewhat harder to handle, it contributes to increased burst strength, durability and longevity. Composite reinforced rubber/vinyl hoses make sense for frequent home use and models are available that are designed to withstand the abuse of commercial use. Reinforced rubber hoses handle the most demanding requirements. In addition to high burst strengths, many types also withstand temperatures of up to 200 F.

Chain saw operation safety tips

Chain saws are a great way to clean up the yard after a storm. Here are some operating tips from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute:

- Read manual for instructions and safety precautions: learn to avoid kickbacks.

- Keep children and pets away.

- Operate a chain saw with both hands.

Don't use a chain saw when tired.

- Wear protective gloves and boots; snug-fitting clothing; and eye, head and hearing protection.

- Only cut in a clear area with secure footing.

- Carry chain saw with engine stopped, guide bar and chain saw to the rear and muffler away from your body.

- Be sure saw chain stops moving when

throttle control trigger is released.

- Shut off engine and engage chain break before setting chain saw down. Use the guide-bar scabbard when carrying.

Be cautious when cutting small brush - it can pull you off balance. When cutting a limb under tension, watch for spring back. Only use a chain saw in a tree if specially trained.

Keep the handles dry, clean and free of oil or fuel mixture; operate only in well-ventilated areas. All chain saw service not listed in the manual should be performed by a professional service person.

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New titles are available for the gardener's bookshelf

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The new crop at the bookstores includes these titles:

In print since 1939, Louise and James Bush-Brown's "America's Garden Book" (Macmillan, \$65 hardcover) continues in its well-illustrated fourth edition, revised by Howard S. Irwin and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. It's hefty, over a thousand pages, but offers authoritative information on practically all your gardening concerns.

• They're showy and romantic – not to mention fixtures in Oriental mythology and design. "Peonies" (Abrams, \$35 hardcover), by Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall, reviews the past and present of these blossoms, which were found in China as long as 1,500 years ago.

• Some critters can eat up and ruin your hard work in the garden. Others actually help you out. And sometimes your plants get sick. Read all about them in "Pests & Diseases" (American Horticultural Society/Dorling Kindersley Publishing, \$34.95 hardcover), by Pippa Greenwood, Andrew Halstead, A.R. Chase and Daniel Gilrein. This comprehensive guide looks at bugs and diseases of all kinds and what to do about them. Preventive measures are generally stressed, but if all else fails and you need to use pesticides, consult the book for the safest way to do it.

• Plant life naturally appears around rocks and stone, and thoughtful gardeners have long recreated the look in their cultivated plots. Author Jan Kowalczewski Whitner looks at the traditions of using available rocks, pebbles and stones or man-made sculptures and materials for these in "Gardening With Stone" (Macmillan, \$39.95 hardcover), with photographs by Linda Quartman Younker.

• Why so serious? Gardening can be fun, or even funny. Tovah Martin and Richard W. Brown celebrate the light side with "Garden Whimsy" (Houghton Mifflin, \$30 hardcover). They've located gardens accented with quixotic statuary and objects, such as used manhole covers, a permanently parked 1946 Dodge, and an eight-foot silver gazing ball. "Heaven knows we could use a little levity in the garden," write the authors. "Knee deep in compost, preoccupied with axial symmetry, and engrossed by integrated pest management, gardeners suffer from a tendency to take themselves too seriously."

• "Choosing Plant Combinations" (Better Homes and Gardens/Meredith Books, \$29.95 hardcover) offers visual suggestions for mixing and matching plants, flowers and vegetables for color, texture, and effect.

• Because they'll be in your yard or garden a long time, trees and shrubs need to be thoughtfully chosen. "The Tree & Shrub Finder" (Taunton Books,

\$27.95, hardcover, March), by Robert Kourik, offers essential information about locations, root growths, plantings that offer privacy, shade, foliage – and even support for treehouses.

• It's the typical American landscape, says the book: a flat expanse of lawn being groomed by its owner with a tractor-mower.

• Yikes! No wonder there's "The Landscaping Revolution" (Contemporary Books, \$27.95 hardcover), by Andy Wasowski, with Sally Wasowski. The book is a tribute to natural landscaping – that is, landscaping with species native to the area and letting them grow without manicuring. Perhaps some wildflowers, prairie grasses or desert cacti. Think of all the time, water and chemicals people use trying to keep that smooth lawn in shape, argues Wasowski. "It is so under control, it has become extremely labor intensive, very unfriendly to the environment, and remarkably boring," he writes.

• Fast-growing annuals supply almost instant gratification that lasts all summer. And you get to start fresh each time. There are lots of ideas in "Annuals With Style" (Taunton Books, \$29.95 hardcover, March), by Mike Ruggiero and Tom Christopher.

• Young beginners deserve their own comprehensive garden book, such as "The Kids Can Press Jumbo Book of Gardening" (Kids Can Press, \$14.95 paperback), by Karyn Morris with

illustrations by Jane Kurisu. This is a 240-pager full of information with gardening tips, plant checklists, step-by-step instructions, and facts about flowers, plants and gardens.

• The American Horticultural Society Practical Guide series from Dorling Kindersley Publishing (each \$8.95 paperback) include "Arches & Pergolas," "Small Trees," "Annuals & Biennials," "Walls & Fences," "Hanging Baskets," and "Fuchsias." Each has clearly illustrated instructions, suggestions, and interesting nuggets of information.

• Macmillan's Burpee Books include "Complete Gardener" (\$29.95 hardcover), a basic guide; "The Complete Vegetable & Herb Gardener" (\$29.95 hardcover), devoted to organic gardening; and "Seed Starter" (\$19.95 paperback), about starting from seeds indoors and out. The Burpee Basics series includes titles for "Annuals," "Perennials," "Roses," and "Bulbs" (Macmillan, each \$23.95 paperback). These size up the specimens found in each category and give advice on cultivation.

• "Gardening for Dummies" and companion titles for landscaping, perennials, and container gardening (IDG Books, \$16.99 each) are the practical helps characteristic to this series but also include color photographs that are deemed essential in most gardening books.



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Tips for a healthy garden

With milder temperatures ahead and winter soon behind, many gardeners are getting "the bug" to start planting. But how do you ensure that your garden does not get a "bug" of its own? What steps should you take to promote the health of your garden? The American Phytopathological Society, an organization of professional "plant doctors," offers the following suggestions guaranteed to help those new to gardening and seasoned enthusiasts alike.

Select healthy plant material. Annual flowers and vegetable seedlings should be vigorous, show good color, and have no dead or yellowed areas. Avoid cell packs with missing or sickly plants. Trees and shrubs should show good color and foliage size. Avoid specimens that have mechanical damage to the trunk or larger limbs. If purchasing container-grown material, be sure to check to see if the roots are pot-bound (if so, they need to be cut prior to planting). Bulbs, tubers and corms should be firm and have no mechanical damage or mold.

Look for plant varieties with built-in disease resistance. Often, the plant label indicates this. Or check with a knowledgeable source such as a county extension office or a recent garden reference book.

Put plants where they will thrive. Know your soil type, soil drainage, and the garden's exposure to sun and wind. Then choose plants that can survive in these conditions.

Water plants early in the day. Water infrequently but deeply, and if possible, only at the base of the plant. Water on foliage for extended periods of time encourages plant diseases.

Provide for good air circulation in the garden and landscape. Allow adequate space when planting, remove spent flowers promptly, stake plants, and prune as necessary.

Avoid excessive fertilization. Overall, it reduces plant health, often producing lavish growth more susceptible to disease.

Mulch your soil. This will conserve moisture, reducing the time needed for weeding and watering.

Keep the garden clean. Remove diseased plant parts or entire plants to minimize disease spread.

Clean tools after use. Soil can harbor plant pathogens.

Apply fungicides, if necessary, but do it correctly and at the right time. Most fungicides are preventative and must be applied in anticipation of disease or to keep non-infected plant parts healthy. They are temporary protection and must be reapplied according to label directions. Do not wait too long. Fungicides are generally ineffective on plants that already are declining due to poor site conditions and improper care.

Rotate plants. Annual flowers and vegetables should be planted in a different spot every year or so. This prevents the build-up of diseases over time. (PRNewswire)

Shade trees take their time growing

By Ed Hutchison
For AP Special Edition

In a world smitten with speed, some things still take their sweet time to develop, and no amount of prodding will speed things along. Case in point: Shadetrees.

A good shade tree grows only so fast each year, even with soil, weather, moisture, nutrients and other conditions to its liking, according to Douglas L. Caldwell, a horticulturist with The Davey Expert Tree Company in Kent, Ohio, which provides tree and related services to residential, utility and other markets throughout the United States and Canada.

"So fast" is pretty slow. That's 6 to 9 inches of twig growth each year for many of the most popular species of shade trees. That means growth up and out, so the tree is increasing its overall size, not just height.

Admittedly, some species grow more than that each year, Caldwell said. But most need 25 years or longer to reach their mature height. Outward growth slows as the tree grows older, but there is still plenty of growth going on in the roots and elsewhere.

Patience as a tree grows is well rewarded.

Most good shade trees provide spectacular autumn color in yellows,

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Shade trees take their time growing

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reds and oranges.

But what makes a shade tree a good shade tree, in Caldwell's opinion, is its other virtues acquired by way of genetics that will stay with it for its life.

Examples are a sturdy branch structure that isn't prone to twist and rip in storms, wood that is strong so the ground is not littered with twigs and stems after high winds, and the gumption to withstand stress brought on by insects, disease, drought and lousy weather.

In other words, a good shade tree is, well, a good overall tree.

This contrasts sharply with trees that may provide relief from the summer sun and look nice in the fall but are less desirable for a number of reasons. One is short life. The common birch, for example, begins to die out when it reaches 25 years of age. Cottonwood is messy because of its puffy seeds that float through the air in early summer and the brittleness of its stems. Weeping willow, while a dramatic sight with its shimmering yellow leaves in spring, also has brittle, messy wood and the added disadvantage of not dropping its leaves until around Thanksgiving - just when you don't want to be outdoors raking.

While there is no minimum height that a tree must reach to qualify as a true shade tree, Caldwell said that 30 feet is about entry level. That is tall enough so that its canopy provides cover from summer sun when it is at its highest and most brutal.

Which trees, then, make good shade trees and have the other attributes of strength, good manners and fall color? Quite a few, actually. Divide the country into three climates (cold, warm, hot), and consider these on Caldwell's shortlist:

Cold, warm and hot

- Black tupelo, sour gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) averages 40 feet in height with a slightly smaller spread. Autumn color moves from yellow to orange to scarlet and finally, purple. This tree is highly prized for its stair-step branch structure and very dependable fall color.

- Red maple (*Acer rubrum*) reaches about 50 feet tall and wide. Fall color can be pale yellow, yellow or brilliant red. Which color depends a lot on where in the country it is growing and if the tree is a hybrid or a species specimen.

Cold, warm

- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) reaches 60 to 75 feet tall and about two-thirds as wide. Fall colors are brilliant yellow, burnt orange and red; colors vary depending on climate and soil type.

- Franklin tree (*Franklinia alatamaha*) is small - 10 to 20 feet high and about half as wide - as shade trees go but is highly valued because it bears showy white flowers as the leaves change to orange, red or purple in the autumn. The contrast is striking.

- Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) can top out at 100 feet; 80 feet is more typical and the spread is about one-half its height. It has bright yellow autumn foliage. However, a hard freeze can cause leaves to drop virtually overnight.

- Bradford Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) reaches up to 50 feet tall with a spread of about one-half its height. Smaller trees on the order of 20 to 30 feet are more common. Fall color comes on late and is usually glossy scarlet and purple. This tree bears plenty of white flowers in spring.

- Thornless honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*) can grow up to 70 feet tall and about as wide, but seldom gets that high or wide. Leaves are small, arranged on a stem, giving the tree an airy look.



Leaves fall early in the autumn and are yellow-green or brilliant yellow.

Hot

- Chinese pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*) grows about 35 feet tall and almost as wide. Dark green foliage turns orange and orange-red.

- American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) will grow in most zones and is one of the few trees that has exceptional autumn color in hot climates. It also grows pretty quickly - up to 3 feet a year. Deep green foliage takes on yellow, purple and red tones in the fall.

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Backyard barbecue grills have come a long way since their inception in the 1950s. There are a great many manufacturers of quality grills, and several companies offer a complete range of models. Instead of listing them all, we're focusing on the basic types and features that you need to look for. For more complete information, contact the Barbecue Industry Association, DHM Group, Inc., P.O. Box 767, Holmdel, NJ 07733. Grill prices start at around \$50 and flame out somewhere past \$4,000 - a good indicator of the wide range of options available today. And with more than 40 years of consumer preferences on file, even the basic portable units are sprouting modest improvements. Predictably, grills in the middle price range, where most of us live and shop, offer the most useful variety. These grills may look similar to their predecessors, but you'll find some neat tricks under the hood.

As for the extreme high end, it may be a niche market, but it's clearly spurred consumer interest. You may never buy one of these stainless-steel,

do-it-all-forever wonders, but just seeing one can raise expectations, which may explain why some high-end features and materials are now appearing on midlevel grills.

The truth is, whether in answer to the new designs or as a stimulus for them, our barbecuing habits have changed. While we used to grill mostly in the summer, many of us now use our grills year 'round, even if that means trading aprons for parkas. We also do more grilling between weekends. Increased use leads, naturally, to the issue of quality. When we use our grills more often, we need them better made.

New features and improved quality don't come cheaply, though. For those of us who don't want or can't afford all the latest bells and whistles, it's comforting to know that most of the basic grills offered 10 years ago are still available today. If you're in the market for a new grill, you're not locked in to the latest and greatest.

In the end, what you choose really depends on what you'd like your grill to do. If all you barbecue are steaks, burgers and chicken parts, any grill will do. For just a little more money, though, it will do it longer and with less aggravation.

Window film selection

By Popular Mechanics
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Window film is an excellent strategy for reducing the heat and UV level from the sun that enters into your home. But how is window film performance measured?

Manufacturers measure performance in a variety of ways, but the most significant indicator for the homeowner is the film's shading coefficient. The shading coefficient equals the percentage of light that will pass through the window. A coefficient of 0 percent means that no light will pass through the window. A coefficient of 100 percent means the glass is clear and no light will be blocked. The lower the coefficient number, the greater the shading of the window and the more light will be blocked.

Industry experts stress that for a reasonable energy savings and a significant improvement in comfort and other benefits, a shading coefficient of at least .45 is needed. Any number below .45 is better, any above will be less effective. This does not mean that a .51 won't make a difference, it might in fact, be just right for some applications. The most popular choices, however, are in the .35 to .40 range.

Why would anyone opt for a less efficient film? Film selection should be goal-oriented and might mean a compromise. If your primary goal is not heat rejection, as when a group of windows receives only moderate sun, when UV protection is paramount, or if you're concerned about strengthening the glass, then efficiency can give ground to other considerations. While performance can be achieved with any

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Books: A starting point for your dream home

By The Associated Press

Your dream house may begin on paper, at the bookstore:

• Many houses built in medieval England and other parts of the world at that time are still standing, still being used and still being lived in. A central reason behind their longevity is that they were built with post-and-beam timberframing, a method that, like the arch, ensured strength and architectural integrity. In "Timberframe" (Taunton Books, \$40 hardcover), Tedd Benson, a leader in the movement to revive this form of construction, argues that many new homes can be built this way with old-growth wood beams salvaged from older buildings and predicts that they might last for hundreds of years more.

• If you think universal design is something reserved for people with disabilities, think again. Charles A. Riley II, editor-in-chief of WE magazine and author of "High-Access Home" (Rizzoli, \$40 hardcover), says that it's simply a matter of making things easier for people of all ages and abilities. The book showcases some attractive examples, such as graded entryways instead of steps, adjustable-height work surfaces in the kitchen, wider hallways, levers instead of knobs, non-slip floors, showers and baths with no-step access, and power-operated windows and doors. Riley devotes a chapter to a historic but little-noted early example of universal design: Franklin Delano Roosevelt's own plan for his Top

Hill cottage at Hyde Park, N.Y., where the late president had hoped to retire and write.

• Patrick O'Connell, chef and proprietor of the Inn at Little Washington in Washington, Va., joked that he wanted a home without a kitchen. "I thought that would be the ultimate luxury, since I live in a restaurant kitchen all day. Then the bank intervened and said sternly, 'All houses have kitchens.'" And so his home kitchen is one of the features in "Great Kitchens: At Home with America's Top Chefs" (Taunton Books, \$35.95 hardcover), by Ellen Whitaker, Colleen Mahoney, and Wendy A. Jordan, with photographs by Grey Crawford. Perhaps you are not likely to latch onto a restaurant-size range for your next kitchen makeover, but the professionals have lots of ideas to borrow, such as accessibility of equipment, lighting, and layout.

• Quite doable are the suggestions in "The Home Depot Kitchens & Baths 1-2-3" (Meredith Books, \$34.95 hardcover), with John P. Holms as project editor. The book has suggestions for planning a whole kitchen or bath or just components - and whether to do it yourself or hire a pro. There are fairly comprehensive checklists to help you decide what kind of materials and gadgets to include, and instructions for a number of projects.

• More houses than ever are not being built on-site but in factories, in part because they're cheaper to build. Many of these are much improved over the old

trailer homes of yesteryear, but author Kevin Burnside says there still are some things you need to know before buying. He outlines them in "Buying a Manufactured Home" (Home Resources/Van de Plas Publications, \$14.95 paperback). Burnside has advice about dealing with dealers, financing, looking at quality, and getting the home placed on your site.

• The splendor of its old plantations is one of Louisiana's most valued cultural assets, even though many remain threatened. River Road, between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, has been cited by the National Trust for Historic

Preservation as one of the nation's most endangered historic sites. In "Vestiges of Grandeur: The Plantations of Louisiana's River Road" (Chronicle Books, \$40 hardcover), Richard Sexton compiles an evocative record with text and photographs of the remains and a few restorations of these grand buildings, some of which may disappear from the pressures of time, weather, development, and industry. Also included are pictures of more prosaic domestic buildings which gave them context. Any reader who has restored an old building can glimpse the possibilities.

Window film selection

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of the three technologies, site limitations and aesthetic preferences may come to bear. As mentioned above, if your windows are double glazed, you won't be able to use a highly absorbent interior film, whether that's a dyed film or a combination film. In that case, a metallized film is usually in order. Should that metallized film be highly mirrored, lightly mirrored or nearly clear?

These are subjective judgments, with practical implications. A highly mirrored film is not everyone's favorite, but mirrored surfaces provide daytime privacy because they always reflect

toward the light source. If daytime privacy is a goal, then why spend the extra money on sputtering technology? On the other hand, if you'd like only a slight mirror effect, but with a bronze cast, you might need to spend the extra money for sputtered metal film. If you'd like a nearly clear film, then your only choice is a sputtered metal film. But if you don't care to spring for the high-end films, then a combination film of a different color may work.

As you can see, external factors and individual tastes have a lot to do with the choice. At its most basic level, every selection is a marriage of performance and appearance, with some tradeoffs implied.

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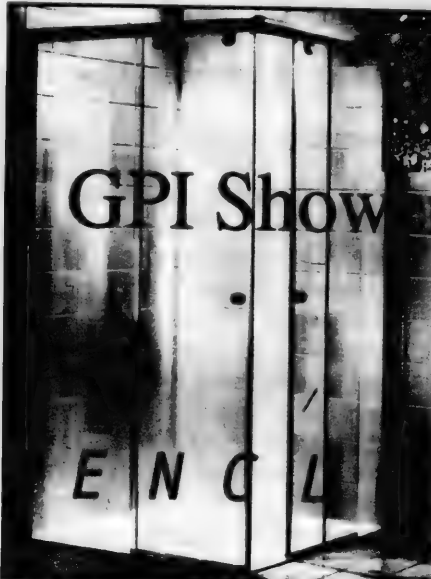
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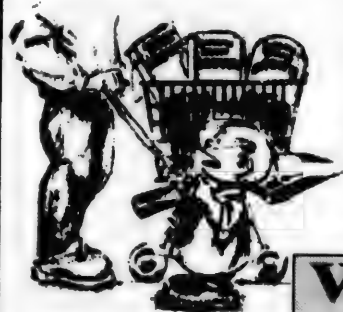
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Spring cleaning tips

(HIT) - Linda Burzynski, president and COO of Molly Maid, a nationwide residential cleaning service thinks she's seen enough in her years in the business to offer some tips for spring cleaning.

"Having a tidy house, and going through the ritual of spring cleaning, has an amazing effect on a person's mood," she continues. Unfortunately, there aren't enough hours in the day for most busy families to keep a house immaculate without help. But, there are shortcuts to keeping order.

• **Prescription for organization:** To get rid of clutter in the medicine cabinet, throw out any expired medication and hygiene products. Then organize the remaining products based on the frequency of use. In addition, ladies can go a step further, and throw out all cosmetics that are more than 6 months old.

• **Dust deja vu:** Thoroughly vacuum all heating ducts and air vents. The collection of winter dust will be re-deposited into the air once the air conditioning is used.

• **Corner care:** To clean cobwebs out of high areas, such as ceiling corners, wrap a damp cloth around the end of a broom. The dampness of the cloth acts as a magnet when it comes in contact with the cobweb.

• **Winter windows:** To remove filmy winter residue left on windows, use a spray mildew remover, scrub with wet sponge until clean, then spray with

window cleaner and polish to a shine.

• **Pet problems:** Use rubber gloves or a damp sponge to remove loose pet hair from rugs and furniture.

• **The little artist:** To remove greasy handprints and crayon marks off walls and tabletops, apply a small amount of solvent such as Endust and WD40. Spray directly on marks and clean using a stiff toothbrush. Then clean off any remaining residue with soap and warm water.

• **Spring fresh:** Instead of just covering up musty winter smells, eliminate them by distributing partially filled saucers of white vinegar around the house and ventilate by opening windows and doors.

• **Citrus solution:** To remove lime or hard water mineral buildup on bathroom fixtures, rub lemon juice over the stain until dissolved, and then rinse (do not allow juice to sit on fixtures for long periods of time. It could damage porcelain or enamel fixtures).

• **Wipe it away:** To conceal scratches on wooden floors, apply a small amount of wax with very fine steel wool to the floor. Then use a dry cloth to dry and polish.

• **Dirty deeds:** To remove dirt from carpet, mix 1 tsp. of mild detergent with 1 cup of lukewarm water and whip to form heavy suds. Apply dry suds to small areas, one at a time, with a damp sponge. Then remove suds with a spatula and rinse with water.

Carbon monoxide detector standards tightened

(HIT)-An increasing number of false alarms triggered by household carbon monoxide detectors have imposed significant burdens on emergency response personnel in recent years. In most (90 percent) of the carbon monoxide calls reported to utilities and fire departments in 1995 and 1996, no carbon monoxide or levels too low to affect the average person were found, according to the American Gas Association (A.G.A.) and the Gas Research Institute, which conducted the study.

In response, a respected laboratory that certifies natural gas appliances - International Approval Service, formerly the A.G.A. Laboratories - has tightened its standards for testing and certifying new carbon monoxide detectors. Before these devices can bear the A.G.A. Blue Star seal, they must meet several new requirements.

New IAS-certified carbon monoxide (CO) alarms will not sound if the level of CO detected is only at a "nuisance" level, which can be caused by a car

starting up in an attached garage or by elevated outdoor levels of CO. In addition, instructions will clearly tell consumers who hear an alarm to evacuate the premises and call an emergency response unit.

These improvements should raise consumers' confidence in the reliability of carbon monoxide alarms and prevent human and economic resources from being wasted on false alarms, the testing facility believes.

According to National Safety Council statistics, consumers are more likely to die from a falling object, drowning in a bathtub or inhaling or ingesting food than from CO poisoning. Nonetheless, A.G.A. emphasizes that consumers should help prevent CO incidents in the home by ensuring that home appliances and equipment are installed, maintained and used properly. An annual inspection of heating equipment and venting by a qualified technician is recommended, A.G.A. says, with installation of a CO alarm as an additional safeguard.

All furnaces need check-ups

All heating systems should be serviced periodically by a qualified contractor to ensure top performance, according to the American Gas Association. Such maintenance will ensure safe and efficient operation.

The check-up should include:

• inspection of the furnace vent system;

• removal of any leaves, nests or other

obstructions from inside the chimney;

• replacement or cleaning of the air filter;

• lubrication of the blower motor;

• replacement of blower belts, if needed;

• cleaning of pilots and burner chamber;

• cleaning and adjusting of thermostats.

Safety is priority one when designing your bathroom

By Megan Dyer

(HIT)—The aesthetic statements made in bathrooms today are as important as the details made in other, more public spaces of the home. Today's bathrooms are created and personalized with convenience in mind, from built-in hairdryers offered in different colors and finishes, to invigorating and calming saunas that reduce cellulite and water weight, to towel warmers designed to take the chill out of the air.

Even with all the technological advances made in bathroom products, safety is perhaps the most important consideration when designing this often overlooked room.

In the past, bathroom design focused solely on the three basic fixtures it housed — the sink, the toilet and the bathtub and/or shower. Little thought was given to the user and his/her safe, comfortable movement in the space.

"One of the most important aspects of bathroom design is assessing the room for safety," explains Joy Myers Piske, CKD, CBD, Myers Piske Interior Design, Winnipeg, Canada. "The bathroom can harbor many 'traps' for people of all ages and abilities, whether children, the elderly, fully-abled or physically limited."

Good bathroom design can provide and/or accommodate safety features for all ages. The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) has produced 41 guidelines for designing a safe and



Grab bars placed by fixtures such as the toilet provide safety precautions for users.

functional bathroom. The rules cover all design aspects from flooring to lighting.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, almost 165,000 injuries occurred in 1997 in the bathtub and/or shower. To help prevent

these types of falls, NKBA recommends that slip-resistant surfaces be specified in both the tub/shower and in the area immediately outside the fixture.

NKBA also advises that no steps be planned at the tub or shower area. Grab

bars rails should be installed to facilitate transfer to and from the fixture. To reduce falls, the bottom of the tub should be nearly flat and surfaced with slip-resistant material. Sunken bathtubs are very dangerous and should be avoided.

Another item to review in the bathing area is the shower door. It may not readily seem like a danger, but it can be if not planned properly. If the door is hinged, as opposed to one that slides or folds open, it should always open into the room, not toward the bather. In an emergency, it would be impossible to open the door since the bather's body would block the entrance and prevent access.

In addition, shatterproof glass should be specified in all instances. In 1997 alone, over 33,000 injuries occurred due to glass doors. Any type of lock on the shower door should also be avoided.

A final item in the tub/shower area is placement of water controls. Scalding is a common bathroom injury. By installing water valves, which regulate pressure and/or temperature, you can avoid unexpected rushes of extremely hot water. Water controls should always be accessible from outside the tub without having to lean across the tub or climb into it.

Make sure all knobs are clearly marked to indicate motion patterns. Cold water should always be on the

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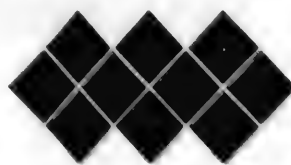
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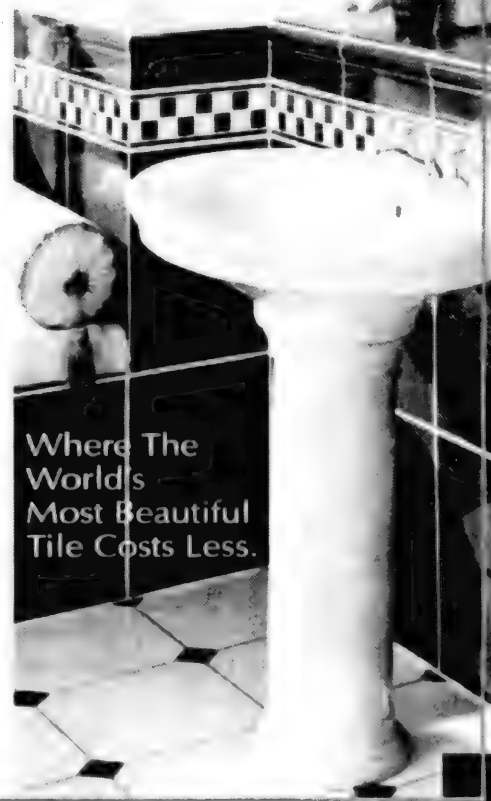
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The importance of selecting the right interior trim

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If you're adding a room or remodeling an existing space, don't take the interior trim for granted. The woodwork you select for the baseboard, doors and windows goes a long way toward adding personality to the room — even before the curtains, rugs and furnishings are brought in.

For a custom look, though, you'll want something other than the off-the-shelf moldings. One alternative is based on a

style that was popular until the early '50s. It's distinguished by flat door and window casings made from nominal 1-inch stock (three-quarters of an inch thick), with corner blocks at the upper corners of windows and doors, and plinth blocks at the bottom of door casings.

The corner and plinth blocks are made from 5/4 material (about 1-and-one-sixteenth of an inch thick), and the windows feature a traditional stool and apron. A three-piece baseboard made up of 1-inch stock, baseboard cap and quarter-

round shoe molding completes the job.

The stock sizes you use should correspond to the proportions of your room. While you might use 1 x 6, 1 x 8 or 1 x 10 lumber for the baseboard trim, the choice largely depends on the scale of the room, particularly the ceiling height. Similarly, the door and window trim can vary from 1 x 4 to 1 x 6. For a width in between standard lumber sizes, simply rip wider stock to your desired dimension.

If you're renovating an existing space and have removed all of the old

woodwork, installing new material begins at the door.

However, if you're taking over the trim carpenter's job on a new addition, you'll probably find that the doors first need to be hung. These days, most interior doors come prehung. The door is bored and mortised for a lockset, the hinges are installed and the door is mounted to the jamb assembly. Once the prehung door is trimmed to size, shimmed and secured to the wall framing, it's time to install the trim.

Safety is priority one when designing your bathroom

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right and hot water on the left.

There also is the potential for danger wherever electricity and water are in close proximity. To help prevent accidents, no electrical receptacles or light switches should be placed within 60 inches of a water source. Also, be careful not to place switches or outlets in an area where they might be hidden by hanging towels or robes. And, if any light fixture is used above a tub/shower, make sure it is moisture-proof.

In addition to the above guidelines, a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) should be specified on all receptacles.

Lighting and color are two important elements which need specific attention when designing your new bathroom.

Make sure to use contrasting colors for countertop edges, electrical outlets

and sinks; include higher general lighting levels and increase task lighting above the work surfaces such as the sink and/or vanity.

"People with bad eyesight need a lot of contrasting colors incorporated into their bathrooms because it gives good visual cues and provides a safety measure for accidents," says Reeva Locker, CKD, CBD, Homeworks, New York.

Also keep in mind that every functional area in the bathroom should be well illuminated by appropriate task lighting, night lights and/or general lighting.

"Appropriate lighting can eliminate many potential safety considerations, simply by helping the user foresee water spills, identify electrical outlets without groping for them or over-reaching, recognizing edges and levels,

etc.," notes Joy Myers Piske, CKD, CBD, Myers Piske Interior Design, Winnipeg, Canada.


"Good lighting is necessary for grooming and cleaning," she explains. "For instance, putting on make-up, contact lenses and/or shaving is much easier if the light comes from the sides of the face, directed towards the face, rather than from above or behind. Lighting fixtures placed only above the mirror often cast shadows down over the face, caused by eyebrows, noses and cheek bones getting in the light's path."

Piske recommends clients place wall sconces approximately 26" apart, around or on a mirror — ceiling fixtures don't really help the grooming function at all. Depending on the user, she places these sconces about 72" to 78" above the floor. To enhance the grooming function even further, Piske advises to plan a 9" —

15" deep area of counter for the user to stand in front of mirror. This allows the person to lean towards the mirror and obtain a better view.

"Lighting must happen in all critical areas, not just around the mirror," she says. "General lighting, bath or shower lighting, grooming lighting, relaxing lighting possibly placed around the whirlpool, and reading lighting, are all considerations consumers should consider."

Ventilation is often one of the most overlooked aspects of bathroom design. Good ventilation requires more than an operable window for ventilation. A quiet, efficient, mechanical ventilation system (which can be activated by the light switch) will whisk offensive odors out before their lingering presence confronts the next user.




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H. Alden Banks, 93, of Salem, N.H., died March 28 at Whittier Rehab Hospital in Haverhill.

Mr. Banks worked for Smith Motor Co. in Andover and Lawrence where he became the service manager. Later, he worked on a Christmas tree farm and made his own maple syrup.

He was born in Torbrook, Nova Scotia, Canada. He moved to Methuen when he was 20.

Mr. Banks was a member of First United Methodist Church in North Andover where he served on several committees and chaired the annual fair as church treasurer. Also, he was a member of the Friendly Seniors at First United Methodist Church in Lawrence. Mr. Banks also worked for the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Haywood of Methuen for 27 years.

He was a member of several square and round dance groups, including the North of Boston Squares, Minutemen Fifth-Nighters in Lynnfield and the Sacroiliacs in Danvers. In the 1970s he moved to Salem.

He leaves his wife of 67 years Gladys S. (Sykes) Banks; sons Robert Banks of Salem and Richard and wife Evelyn Banks of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; daughter and son-in-law Judith and Martin Wobst of Leverett; sister Alice Trimper of Kingston, N.H.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Graveside services were held Friday, March 31, at Pine Grove Cemetery in Salem.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 57 Pleasant St., North Andover, 01845; or the American Heart Association New England Affiliate, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Joseph H. Brotz

Heavy equipment operator

Joseph H. Brotz, 64, of Chester, N.H., died Tuesday, March 28, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Brotz was a heavy equipment operator for Ray Greenwood and Son of Chelmsford, George Henderson of Andover, Dean Smith of Windham, N.H. and Wang Laboratories of Lowell.

He graduated from Chelmsford High in 1954. He was a camper and caretaker at Silver Sands Campground for the last six years.

Members of his family include sons Joseph H. Brotz of Lawrence, Richard and fiancée Dawn of Florida, daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Anthony Riccio of Plaistow, N.H.; brother Michael Huskey of Thibodaux, La., sisters Bette Henderson of Andover, Rosemary Monahan of South Carolina, Elaine Lowe of Connecticut and Carol Huskey of Lawrence; and several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Funeral services were held April 1 at the funeral home. Cremation followed at Linwood Cemetery in Haverhill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Hospital Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Anthony S. Kundratis

Treasurer of Andover's First Church of Christ Scientist

Anthony S. Kundratis, 90, died March 28 in Kent, Wash.

Mr. Kundratis was born in Yonkers, N.Y. and moved to Lawrence in 1934 where he and his wife both graduated from Lawrence High School.

He then became supervisor of the drapery-bedspread division of Pacific Mills.

In 1938 he married Germaine Lambert of Lawrence and in 1940 he started work as a sales-route supervisor for Betsy Ross Baking Co. until 1971. While employed there, he served as foreman for the Teamsters Union.

In the 1960s, he graduated from Bentley College of Accounting in Boston and later became self-employed as a public accountant for small businesses. In 1984, he and his wife retired to Sequim, Wash.

Mr. Kundratis served as treasurer at First Church of Christ Scientist in Andover and later in Sequim. He was an active golfer at the Dungeness Country Club in Sequim and while living in Massachusetts won club championships at Merrimack Golf Club in Methuen and the Andover Country Club.

Family members include his wife and daughter, Merelice Kundratis of Brookline.

James Z. Dembowski

Formerly of Andover

Former Andover resident James Z. "Ziggy" Dembowski, 83, of Dudley died Tuesday, April 4 in Oakwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Webster.

Mr. Dembowski was a retired foreman-machinist from American Optical where he worked for over 40 years. He retired in 1979.

He was born in Chelsea and graduated from Worcester Trade School. He lived in Andover for many years before moving to Charlton in 1945 and then to Dudley in 1971.

He also owned and operated Bay Path Realty in Charlton and was instrumental in starting the Charlton Credit Union where he was vice president for many years.

He served as vice chairman of the Charlton Democratic Town Committee for 15 years. He attended St. Andrew Bobola Church and was a member of the Quarter Century Club of American Optical Co. in Southbridge.

Family members include his wife of 30 years, Theresa (Robillard) Rybacki Dembowski; a daughter, Diane Blackman of Connecticut; four step-daughters, Sandra Rybacki Zack, Celeste Rybacki Herron, Karen Rybacki Labbe and Virginia Rybacki Rock-Przystas, all of Webster; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and

nephews.

His first wife, Stacia (Kosowski) Dembowski, died in 1965.

Arrangements are by Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley.

Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, at the funeral home.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, in St. Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew Bobola Church, PO Box 98, West Main Branch, Dudley, MA 01571; or to the American Cancer Society Mass. Division, 7 Oak St., Worcester, MA 01609.

James Ruxton

Was school custodian here

James Ruxton, 92, a longtime Andover resident, died Monday, April 3 at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Lexington.

Mr. Ruxton was born in Scotland and lived most of his life in Andover. He worked for many years as a custodian for the Andover School Department. Upon retiring, he moved to Cape Cod where he lived at the Otis Air Force Base.

During World War II he served for over four years in active duty. He was in numerous battles in the Pacific including Papua, New Guinea, Luzon and the Southern Philippines. He received the Bronze Star medal and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter and a member of the Andover Sportsman Club. He attended St. Augustine's Church.

Family members include a niece, Patricia and her husband James McCadden of Lexington; a grand-niece; a grand-nephew; a great-grand-niece; and several cousins.

He was the brother of the late Marjorie Dimlick and Mary Dolan.

A Mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. in St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in West Parish Cemetery. Friends may call tomorrow, Friday, from 2 to 4 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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screenings will be by appointment only, so give the center a call if you'd like to schedule a time on Wednesday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Woodcarving Class: Fred Arakelian will be back to teach another 10-week session of woodcarving, beginning Monday, April 24. Cost of the class is \$20 and pre-registration is necessary before the first class.

An Afternoon With The Bartlet Street Poets: Everyone's invited to come Friday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m. to enjoy

readings by Andover poets as well as a special presentation by Frances McCormick. Bring along your favorite poem to share as well, original or not! A dessert reception with the poets will follow the program. There's no charge but preregistration is appreciated.

Brown Bag Lunch/Lecture: We're in for a treat Tuesday, April 25 at noon when naturalist Joan Ellis will lecture and provide us with a taste testing on "Wild Edible Foods." Learn what fun and interesting items are right in your own backyard or neigh-

borhood, \$2 with advance reservations appreciated. Bring a bag lunch; we'll supply dessert and beverages.

Earth Day Clean-Up Project: We'll join forces with Merrimack College and Doherty Middle School students along with the Village Garden Club as we aim to make Andover even more beautiful. Give Pat a call at the center if you can donate a few hours of your time Saturday, April 29.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, April 10, at 1 p.m. we'll enjoy some laughs with Shelly Long, playing a woman with a Beverly Hills lifestyle who suddenly finds herself in charge of her daughter's Girl Scout troop. Movie Mondays are

sponsored by Andover Video.

Craft & Bake Sale Tomorrow: We'd appreciate your support for our spring craft and bake sale, which will be held tomorrow, Friday, from 9 to 3. We'll offer spring crafts and

decorations, baked items, Easter goodies, and a raffle. Come down and join us and make a reservation to stay for lunch. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Elder clinics set

Home Health VNA, a United Way funded agency serving the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire, will conduct an elderly health clinic at Andover Commons on Monday, April 10, from 1-2 p.m.

The clinics focus on preventative care and assist elders in maintaining good health through blood pressure checks,

weight management, and nutrition and medication counseling.

The clinics are open to the public and are handicapped accessible.

The clinics are staffed jointly by both Home Health VNA and the Andover Health Department.

Call 470-3800, Ext. 255, or Home Health VNA at (978) 552-4716 for further information.

Business

Business briefs ...

Andover Bank promotes four

Andover Bank recently announced the following promotions:

Maureen Stillwell, of Andover, was promoted to credit officer. She joined the bank in 1999 as a credit analyst, and has an extensive background in lending, credit analysis, loan review and documentation.



Maureen Stillwell

Christopher Donahue was promoted to assistant vice president. He began with Community Savings Bank in 1983, and has been with Andover Bank since the merger in 1994. He was most recently branch banking officer and manager of the Tewksbury Center office, for which he will continue to be responsible.

Christine Whittaker was promoted to secondary marketing officer. She joined the bank in 1989, and was most recently a secondary market manager.

Brenda Tecce was promoted to retail sales officer. Prior to joining the bank in 1999, she was a sales manager for Filene's.

Andover Bancorp Inc. is a \$1.5-billion holding company that is the parent company of Andover Bank.

Keleher to speak at Salem State

Kevin J. Keleher, assistant vice president and manager of Human Resources Information Management Operations for Putnam Investments of Andover, will speak at Salem State College on Monday, April 10, at 11 a.m. as part of the SSC Alumni Lecture Series. Keleher is a 1977 alumnus of Salem State.

His remarks on "Where Do I Go From Here?" in Screening Room 11, Harrington Building, Room HP-223 on the college's south campus (Harrison Ave.) are free and open to the public. No prior registration is required.

Keleher's address is aimed at individuals entering the job market or considering a career change.

The SSC Alumni Lecture Series was founded in the fall of 1999 to present timely programs on topics of general economic interest as a public service to the North Shore community. Organizers say it showcases Salem State economics graduates who have gained prominence in their fields within the region.

For more information, call the SSC Department of Economics, (978) 542-6625, or contact the Department by e-mail at economics@salem.mass.edu

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Cool customer: His real estate's on ice

Gary Campbell's resume includes the following: Pike School and Phillips Academy in Andover. Then on to Brown University in Rhode Island, where he took a degree in economics. Then to Harvard Business School, for an MBA.

After that he turned to the world of big-time journalism, first with NBC News in New York and London, and then CNN in Paris, where he was the bureau chief. Among the events he covered was the tearing down of the Berlin Wall. He went all over the world, to places like South Africa, Pakistan and Lybia.

Then for a number of years, he and his British-born wife had a television production company that made documentaries in London.

And more recently, at the end of 1995, after the arrival of three children made traveling the world more of a drag than a delight, his father persuaded him to come back to the Merrimack Valley to join the family business: Gilbert Campbell Real Estate in Lowell, whose primary focus is the ownership and management of apartment complexes in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

So what is a guy like this doing owning a professional hockey team — the Lowell Lock Monsters? Not to mention carrying the titles of president and governor of the team?

Campbell, who has lived in Andover since returning to the area, chuckles at the irony himself, but notes that it is not that unlikely a match.

"I don't have anything to do with the day-to-day management of the team," he says. "I'm involved in things like long-term planning and marketing strategy — business plans and things like that."

In other words, things that are right up the alley of an MBA.

As governor, he is the team's representative on the Board of Governors of the American Hockey League, a level equivalent of Triple A baseball — most of the better players coming through the league will end up in the National Hockey League.

And, as is the case with his current career in real estate, he got involved with the Lock Monsters through his father.

"My father was working with a couple of Lowell businessmen, and (the late former U.S. Senator) Paul Tsongas asked them to buy an American Hockey League franchise," he says.

The 1999-2000 season is only the second for the Monsters, an expansion franchise in the AHL, but Campbell says the team has already sent a number of players up to the NHL's New

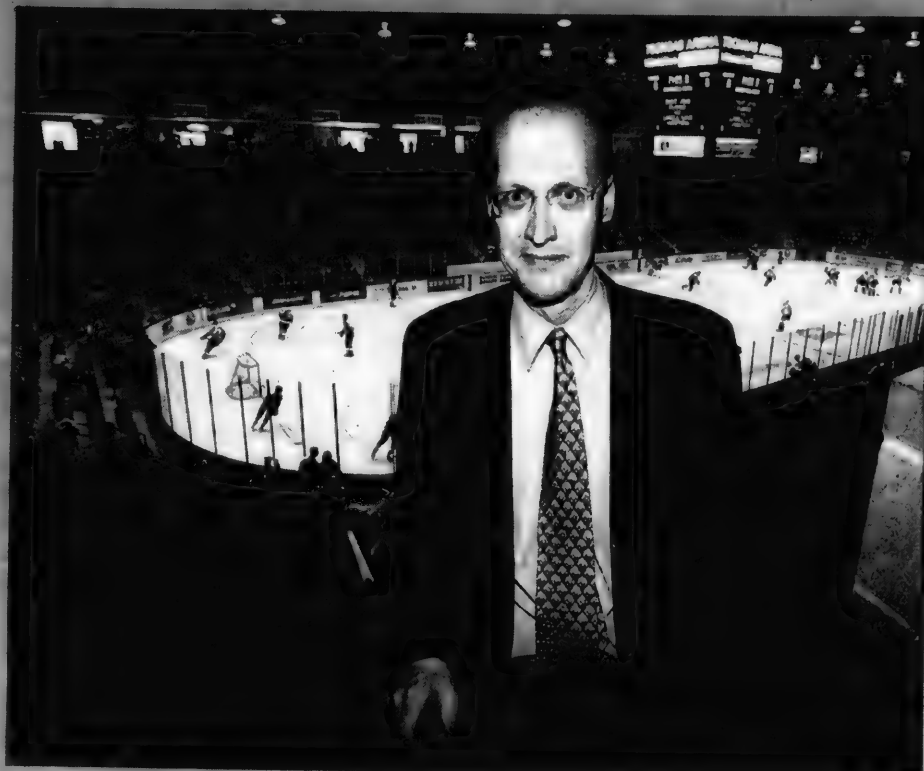


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Crunch time — As owner, president and governor of the Lowell Lock Monsters hockey team, Gary Campbell of Andover is busy crunching numbers, not opposing skaters. But some of his players, including hot goalie Roberto Luongo, could soon be facing off against NHL talent.

York Islanders.

The team has an agreement with the Islanders and the Los Angeles Kings, in which the NHL teams scout and recruit the players, and even pay their salaries.

"We pay them (the Islanders and the Kings) a certain amount per player," Campbell says, "and then they pay the player. If they pull a player up, then we have an arrangement with the Trenton (N.J.) Titans, which are a Double A team, to get players from them."

Probably the best prospect on the team right now, Campbell says, is goalie Roberto Luongo, from Quebec, who at 20 was the MVP in the World Junior Tournament, and was drafted by the NHL at a higher level than any goalie previously.

Luongo spent some time with the Islanders during the season, but was sent back to the Monsters "because he needs to play every day," Campbell says. "So we've got him for the rest of the season."

How is the team doing as a business?

Not bad, says Campbell, but he acknowledges there is room for the Monsters to grow.

The AHL season is 80 games, with half of them at home. Campbell says the team has been averaging 3,500 to 4,000 fans at the Tsongas Arena, which has a seating capacity of 6,500.

But there have also been great nights, like the one two Saturdays ago, when the team drew a standing-room crowd of 6,730.

"The thing we have to overcome is that we're not on (mainstream) TV a lot," Campbell says. "But we do have an agreement with (local cable provider) MediaOne to broadcast the games live, and our commentators are (former NHL greats) Fred Cusick and Brad Park."

Campbell says he has become a major fan of the team, but does he play any hockey himself?

"Let's just say I played a little as a kid, mostly with my ankles dragging on the ice," he says, "but hockey is a wonderful spectator game, and this is a nice small arena, so you're close to the action."

The quality of the game, he says, is outstanding. "Only one in 10 Division 1 college players can make it in this league," he says.

For spectators, it doesn't hurt that ticket prices are much more affordable than they are at the FleetCenter, at \$9 to \$15.

Perhaps for that reason and others, he says real estate will remain his primary focus.

That's where I'll spend most of my time," he says, "but this is a lot of fun."

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BUSINESS

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Twomey named president of Trans National

Brian C. Twomey, a native of Andover, was recently named president of Trans National Communications International, a telecommunications company.

"We have positioned TNCI to serve the next generation of our customers' communications needs," said Twomey, who has been with the company for the past two years. "We have established TNCI as a leader in providing commercial long-distance service at discounted prices, and now we will be known as the resource for a multitude of communications products and services."

The company will offer high-speed data, wireless and local, as well as switched and dedicated long-distance communications products.



Brian Twomey

Twomey joined TNCI as vice president of commercial sales and marketing in 1998. He was later appointed senior vice president. He has more than 20 years of telecommunication experience with Sprint, AT&T, NYNEX and McCaw Cellular Communications. He now lives in Westwood.

Souza moves from Marland Place to The Edge Group

Joanne Souza, former director of marketing for Marland Place in Andover, has become marketing director for The Edge Group Inc. of Lowell.

Souza has worked with many charitable and civic organizations, including the Middlesex Shelter, the Lowell and Andover Rotary clubs, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Lowell General Hospital, Saints Memorial Medical Center, Community Teamwork Inc., the Lowell Council on Aging, the Community Health Network and the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"Joanne is an outstanding professional with great energy," said Fred Faust, Edge Group president. "Her skills will be directed to promoting property sales, leasing and business marketing."

The Edge Group provides brokerage, consulting and building services in the Merrimack Valley.

MediaOne offers digital 200

MediaOne's Digital NexTV offers customers in Andover and other area communities up to 200 channels of digital cable television entertainment.

According to the company, it offers advanced digital features that customers can view on their existing television set using a digital cable box provided by MediaOne.

"It gives customers more control over their television viewing experience," said Curt Henniger, vice president of marketing for MediaOne's Northeast region. "Digital NexTV is also a platform on which MediaOne will offer Web-based interactive services in the future, including products such as Video on Demand and interactive television linked to e-mail and the Internet."

The new channel lineup includes 23 additional knowledge, family and movie networks, 35 pay-per-view options from IN DEMAND and 45 commercial-free, digital-quality music channels from Music Choice.

"MediaOne customers will now have more entertainment options — from our basic cable television package to the most comprehensive in-home, digital entertainment service available," said Henniger. The service includes the TV Guide Interactive on-screen program

guide that provides a four-day schedule of available programming. The guide allows customers to use the remote control to search for programming, set reminders for upcoming programs, browse program listings without leaving the current channel being watched, order pay-per-view and set parental control codes to restrict children's access to certain programming.

Digital NexTV customers will receive a set-top box along with a universal remote control. As with any new television technology, MediaOne will replace the customer's analog cable box with this product. The digital cable television service is compatible with the existing television set and wiring in customers' interactive program guide and assist with programming questions.

Digital NexTV is provided over the company's hybrid fiber-optic/coaxial cable (HFC) or Interactive Broadband Network, which also brings customers up to 100 traditional cable television channels, Road Runner high-speed Internet service and local, digital telephone services over one wire.

MediaOne said it expects to be able to offer Digital NexTV to almost all of its New England customers by the end of next year.

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Sports

AHS preview: Track and tennis teams look strong

By Rick Harrison

Today the Townsman concludes previews of Andover High varsity sports teams for the 2000 spring season with a look at the boys track, girls track, girls tennis and boys tennis squads.

BOYS TENNIS

With all three singles players and a top doubles pairing back from last spring's Division 1 North Tournament finalist, the Andover High boys tennis team is poised to win another Merrimack Valley Conference championship and challenge for the state title.

Coach Mike Wartman's AHS squads have won an unprecedented eight straight conference titles and captured 14 MVC championships in the last 16 years.

A perfect 14-0 record in league matches last spring stretched the locals' impressive MVC win streak to 112 straight, with the last loss 3-2 to Chelmsford almost eight years ago on May 20, 1992.

Last year the locals won 10 matches by 5-0 sweeps and four others by 4-1 scores.

Andover reached the Division 1 North title match with tourney wins over Chelmsford (5-0, first round), Reading (4-1, quarterfinals) and Winchester (3-2, semifinals).

Dual County League power Newton South ended the attempted title run with a 5-0 victory in the North final.

The AHS boys, 17-2 overall with the other loss to St. John's Prep 3-1 in a rain-shortened match, are also 22-9 in their last 231 conference matches and 266-30 in their last 296 including non-league and tournament play.

The Golden Warriors lost three players from last year's team.

Doubles partners Kevin Zuena and Andy Rubin graduated, while current AHS senior Jordan Klein is not playing this spring.

Returning singles players are senior captain and No. 1 Evan Sideman, junior No. 2 Gabe Adams and junior No. 3 Rich Roda.

All three were All-Conference choices last spring, with Adams and Roda finishing undefeated against MVC opponents while Sideman lost only to Player of the Year and Division 1 North individual champion Justin Slattery of Central Catholic.

Sideman was an All-Conference doubles player as a freshman, moved to No. 3 singles as a sophomore and has filled the No. 1 singles slot the past two years.

Adams and Roda played doubles as freshman two years ago

before switching to singles.

The returning AHS doubles team is senior Capt. Peter Hughes and sophomore Andy Chiaraluce, both of whom could also play some singles this spring.

Other lettermen are junior All-Conference doubles player Steve Hibino, junior James Kim, senior Capt. Mike Meagher, senior Dave Guertin, senior Paul Adams, senior Andy Jacobs and junior Sky Chien.

Jacobs, Guertin and Adams have been on the team four years.

Returning players who competed in JV matches last year are junior Dave Wholey, junior Andy Turow, sophomore Andrew Ong and sophomore Will Chen.

Six other newcomers complete the roster of 22 netmen, 14 of whom will stay with the varsity while eight will play JV matches.

Sophomores in this group are Nick Culver, Nick Vaccaro and Dan Rubin while freshmen are Jason Lynn, Alex Cline and Jake Fitzpatrick.

"We have a lot of strong doubles candidates to complement the proven group of singles players," said coach Wartman. "The kids worked hard in the off-season — and with our overall experience we should be tough in the league once again."

Wartman feels Central Catholic, with the undefeated Slattery back, and Chelmsford should also be competitive MVC teams.

Come tournament time Andover figures to be among the Division 1 North favorites along with St. John's Prep, Winchester and Newton South.

To help prepare for the MIAA tourney, Wartman has scheduled testing non-league matches with Dual County League Division 2 power Concord-Carlisle, St. John's Prep (May 4) and Newton South (May 18).

The season opener is tomorrow afternoon at Concord-Carlisle (3:30 p.m.), and the first MVC match is next Monday at Methuen (3:30 p.m.).

GIRLS TENNIS

Like its male counterpart, the Andover High girls tennis team returns its three top singles and also has three of four leading doubles players back from a 1999 squad that won the Merrimack Valley Conference championship and went undefeated during regular season matches.

The Lady Warriors, who defeated Beverly 5-0 in their Division 1 North Tournament opener before dropping a 3-2 decision to Lexington, finished at 19-1 overall last spring and reeled off 19 consecu-

tive 5-0 victories prior to the Lexington match.

Coach Tony Russo's teams have won 11 straight MVC titles, 12 in his 13 years at the helm, and are working on a 147-match conference win streak.

The last league loss for the AHS girls was a decade ago, 3-2 to Lowell on May 21, 1990.

The locals are also 220-1 in their last 221 conference matches and 238-14 in the last 252 matches including tournament play.

The only senior graduates from last year were doubles standout Andrea Wegner and Caitlin Burke.

The list of returners is topped by singles players Jill Oppenheim, Amy Axelrod and Ashley Heller, all of whom went undefeated in conference play.

Senior No. 1 and Capt. Oppenheim was the MVC Player of the Year and also reached the quarterfinal round of the MIAA North Sectional Individual Championships.

Senior No. 2 Axelrod was an All-Conference selection and sophomore No. 3 Heller was named an MVC All-Star.

Senior Erica Tebbetts teamed with Wegner to form the All-Conference second doubles team.

The All-Conference first doubles tandem of juniors Michelle Leahy and Erin Zuena, also unbeaten last spring, returns intact.

Other 1999 letterwinners, vying for spots in the starting lineup, are senior Jenna Bernstein, senior Tricia Griffin, juniors Ashley Hargadon and Jessica Bindman, and sophomores Carolyn Purcell and Lynn Spitzer.

There are also six promising freshman prospects who complete the 18-player roster. This group consists of Lauren Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Magner, Helen Hodges, Jenicka Hornung, Betsy Pierce and Lauren Woo.

The team manager is freshman Ally Silberstein.

"There is a definite opening in second doubles and the challenge matches will determine if anyone new breaks into the singles lineup," said coach Russo.

"There are several excellent players in the freshman group, and the fact we only lost one starter puts us in the role of (MVC) favorite again."

"If the girls stay focused we should continue to be as successful as we've been in the past," added Russo.

"Chelmsford will be very competitive this spring and Lowell (only two league losses to Andover last year) returns quite a few of its players."

"Lexington, with all three singles players from last year, Winchester and Acton-Boxboro should be tough come tournament time," said Russo.

Andover had pre-season practice matches scheduled against Reading and either Brooks School or Phillips Academy.

The regular-season opener is tomorrow afternoon at the AHS courts against Tewksbury (3:30 p.m.).

Former Andover High standout player Dave Hughes is helping (twice a week) coach both the AHS boys and girls teams this spring.

Hughes, an adjustment counselor at West Middle School, played at AHS from 1987-90 and was a collegiate standout at Randolph-Macon.

"Dave has been a big help," said coach Russo. "The girls are paying attention and putting his instruction to good use."

GIRLS TRACK

Third-year head coach Peter Comeau thinks this may be the spring Andover High wins a state title in girls track.

The Lady Warriors have 115 girls on the team, including 50 freshmen, and return most of the key performers from last year's 8-1 squad which won the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 dual-meet title.

AHS went on to place first in the All-Conference Meet and finished third in both the State Class B Relays and State Class B Championship Meet.

A perennial power, the AHS girls are also 51-4 in their last 55 MVC dual meets and 53-5 counting non-league action.

"Although we have to address a lack of depth in the sprints and javelin, there are no glaring weaknesses on this team," said Comeau. "We're loaded in the jumping events and hurdles and at every distance from 400 meters through the two-mile."

"There are many excellent athletes who have been with us three or four years."

"We have one or two girls with a legitimate chance at individual state titles," added Comeau, "and if things fall our way I think we definitely have a shot at the state team title."

This has been the "Year of the Female Athlete" at Andover High, with the girls swim and gymnastics teams nailing down state titles while the soccer and basketball teams also did very well.

The key graduates from last year were Janice Coppolino, Shannon Callahan-Higgins, Liz Wheel-

er, Jen Lambert, Lisa Verreault, Kathleen McCumber and Capts. Kristen Munson, Pam Muller, Leslie Ring and Chidinma Ibe.

Key seniors on the team include Capts. Liz Conners (high jump), Alexis Contos (high jump), Allison Corey (800 meters), Megan Munroe (hurdles) and Caitly Murray (800).

Conners is the school record-holder in the girls high jump (5'4").

Other top seniors are Siobhan Landry (triple jump), Jenny Hsu (100 meters, long jump, triple jump), Melissa Langlais (shot put), Chrissy Bevacqua (discus), Jenny Lee (pole vault) and Lindsay Ravens (200 meters).

Impact juniors include Sheena Patel (hurdles, long jump), Ogechi Ibe (shot put), Robin Young (javelin, shot put), Jen Kane (sprints), Caitlin Woo (two-mile) and Stephanie Pierce (hurdles).

Also, Jen Annese (long jump, triple jump), Emily Pfeil (mile), Natasha Sullivan (shot put, discus), Kristen Anderson (long jump, triple jump) and Susie Anderson (long jump, triple jump).

The sophomore contingent is led by Holly Boucher, a member of the state championship swim team and one of the premiere half-milers in the state.

Other top 10th graders are Lindsey Durkin (800 meters), Natasha Camilo (400 meters, high jump), Julie Marvin (sprints), Katie Gustin (hurdles), Stephanie Kobler (two-mile), Betsy Miller (shot, discus, javelin), Laura O'Connell (two-mile), Liz Sullivan (sprints), Colleen Vispoli (long jump, triple jump) and Patricia Wong (hurdler).

The promising crop of freshmen includes swimmers Caitlin Geary (mile) and Holly Hinds (mile), gymnasts Katie Cail (sprints) and Alia Hastings (mile), Vicki Britton (shot, discus), Carolyn Berberian (long jump, high jump), and Stephanie Casper (400, long jump, triple jump).

Other top ninth graders include Rebecca Fink (high jump), Courtney Hale (pole vault), Ruth McGrotty (high jump) and Sarah Percival (pole vault).

The season-opening meet is tomorrow at Lovely Field against visiting Billerica (3:30 p.m.).

Andover will also be the site of this spring's MVC Relays (April 18), the Haverhill Boys Invitational (April 22), the annual Boosters Invitational and the MVC Championship Meet (May 20).

The Lady Warriors hosted nemesis Tewksbury, which handed the locals their only loss last spring (73-71), in a pre-season practice meet last week.

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Ski team members receive awards at banquet

By Rick Harrison

Ten major awards were presented, and captains for the 2000-2001 season were announced, as the Andover High boys and girls ski teams held their annual end-of-season banquet at Andover Country Club.

Named Top Performers were Lisa Tylus and Ryan Hayes, while Most Valuable Skiers were Jessica Moody and Phil Bancroft.

Most Improved Skiers were Erin Zuena and Luke Larson, Coaches Awards went to Dorothy Stowe and Aaron McNabb, and Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Libby Driscoll and Ben Davis.

Tylus, Moody and Sherri Conrad also received North Shore Ski League All-Star awards after placing among the top 10 girls skiers in the NSSL.

Erin Zuena and Ellen Donahue are the girls team captains for next year, while Ryan Hayes and Jeff Marshall are the boys captains.

"Coach (Karl) Lippmann and myself couldn't be prouder of the way the teams performed this winter," said AHS head coach Tom Busta.

"We thought it would be a rebuilding year for the boys, after losing 11 of 15 varsity racers to graduation, but they proved us wrong."

The Golden Warriors went 9-5 and finished third in the league (top two qualify for the State Meet) behind traditional power St. John's Prep of Danvers and North Andover's strongest team in almost three decades.

"Once again Mother Nature



Pictured are major Andover High ski team award winners who collected their hardware at the recent team banquet. Front row (from left): Lisa Tylus, Phil Bancroft and Dorothy Stowe. Back row: Ben Davis, Jessica Moody, Ryan Hayes, Sherri Conrad, Erin Zuena, Libby Driscoll and Luke Larson.

decided we were going to have a month of dryland training. Once we did get on snow the kids were ready," said Busta.

Ryan Hayes, Justin Roy, Ben Davis, Luke Larson, Capt. Matt Jaracz, Capt. Phil Bancroft, Brady Reed, Ryan Macomber and Rich LaFranchi stepped up their performances while newcomers Aaron McNabb, Ray Bill and Andre Peron were also major contributors.

The AHS girls qualified for the

State Meet for the second straight year by going 8-2 and placing second behind Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

The Lady Warriors added a 12th place finish among the Massachusetts elite at the annual meet held at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

"In ski racing there are no second chances," said Busta. "You don't get three strikes — you get only one shot at it. The reality of this fact, and the experience the

girls gained at states, has them pumped and ready for next season."

Lisa Tylus, Sherri Conrad, Erin Zuena, Jessica Moody, Capt. Anna Vining, Dorothy Stowe, Capt. Britany Traynor, Courtney Conlon, Tina Jette, Ellen Donahue, Laura Schrader and Libby Driscoll were consistent placers for the Lady Warriors.

Also contributing were new varsity racers Jeanna Ricci, Jennie

Williams and Sloan McCauley.

"We wish the new season started tomorrow," said Busta. "Both teams are poised for outstanding performances again next winter. We'll work hard in the off season, and there's no reason I can think of why both Andover teams can't make states next year."

"We'll take our best shot, practice hard and let the chips fall where they may," concluded Busta.

AHS preview: Track and tennis teams look strong

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"Tewksbury was apparently missing a few key girls — but we placed first in all but a couple events and did very well against them," said coach Comeau, a 1984 AHS graduate who begins his 11th season overall (eight as an assistant) with the spring program.

Comeau feels Central Catholic and MVC indoor co-champ Chelmsford could give the Andover girls their toughest competition in Division 1 this spring.

Assistant coaches are Art Iworsley (jumping events), Greg Kouloheras (shot, discus, sprints), AHS graduate Craig Hartwell (shot, discus, sprints), Maggie Ward (high jump), Karl Lippmann (javelin) and Brenda Clark-Warne (distances).

In addition to coordinating the whole show, former state and New England hurdles champ Comeau specializes in that event.

BOYS TRACK

The major goal this spring for the Andover High boys track team will be trying to improve on last year's 4-4 record.

"The boys are very strong in the sprints," said third-year head coach Peter Comeau, whose 97 boys boost the total for the two AHS track teams to a whopping 212 bodies. "But there is also a lack of depth in the distance events."

"We did get more football and soccer players out this year which is a big plus. We usually have about a dozen all-around athletes on the boys team — but this spring we have at least 25."

"We had some key kids score points in a practice meet against Tewksbury. Things are starting to come together."

"I can't say if we'll be better this year in terms of wins and losses — but I think we'll be competitive with every opponent," said Comeau.

A key AHS trackman still hurting is senior high jumper/hurdler and Capt. Charles Murnane.

Murnane, worth a sure-fire 8 to 10 points every meet when he's healthy, is hobbled by an ankle injury suffered more than a month ago just prior to the indoor All-State Meet.

As of last weekend he was wearing an air-cast and his availability is on a day-to-day basis.

AHS track may have a diamond in the rough this spring in sophomore Bruce Brown, who also played football.

"Brown is a sprinter right now," said Comeau. "But he's special. He's good at almost every other event and is already talking about becoming a decathlete."

Brown also happens to have two extremely talented siblings — twin sister Sally and freshman Connie Brown, who are Olympic-class swimmers.

Key graduates from last year's team were Capts. Matt Spitzer, Sean Higgins, Jim Delaney and Andy Pelletier along with Long Dang and Greg Roy.

This year's senior group is led by Capts. Murnane, Mike Burnett (shot, discus, javelin), Greg Stamm (mile) and Terrance Fitzsimmons (middle distance).

Fitzsimmons' availability is currently questionable because he has been battling mononucleosis for the past six weeks.

Other key seniors are Adam Spiller (shot, discus), Jeremy Spiegel (sprints), Brian DeAngelo

(high jump, long jump), basketball standout Dave Cordima (javelin, high jump), Mike Gibson (javelin), Brian Gosselin (mile), Nishant Mehta (high jump), Chris Brown (mile), Mike Zizzo (sprints, shot put), Luis Santiago (sprints) and Nathan Tiwari (high jump, javelin).

Spiegel has been slowed recently by a stomach virus but should be fine for the season opener tomorrow.

"Cordima threw the javelin 150 feet against Tewksbury," said Comeau, "and we haven't had a 150-foot thrower is quite a few years."

Top juniors are Brendan Ahern (two-mile), Tim Galebach (two-mile), Kyle Miller (400 meters), Ben Perkins (400), Mike Ring (mile), Nathan MacKenzie (pole vault), Alex Champion (hurdles, high jump), Matt Delaney (javelin) and Bob Filbin (mile).

Also, Adam Gardner (800 meters), Shahriar Ghandchi (javelin, sprints), Peter An (shot put), Ross Inman (sprints, javelin, discus), and Dave Rainen (discus).

In addition to Bruce Brown, promising sophomores are Jason Crabb (sprints), Central Catholic

transfer Mike Donahue (sprints), Keith Dudek (javelin), Mark Pelletier (800 meters) and Mike Morrissey (pole vault).

Freshman prospects are Phil Shaw (mile) and Andy Pfeil (800 meters).

The season-opening meet is tomorrow at Lovely Field against visiting Billerica (3:30 p.m.).

Andover will also be the site of this spring's MVC Relays (April 18), the Haverhill Boys Invitational (April 22), the annual Boosters Invitational and the MVC Championship Meet (May 20).

Comeau feels the boys side of the MVC is wide open with Central Catholic, MVC indoor champ Chelmsford and Methuen the strongest teams.

Assistant coaches are Art Iworsley (jumping events), Greg Kouloheras (shot, discus, sprints), AHS graduate Craig Hartwell (shot, discus, sprints), Maggie Ward (high jump), Karl Lippmann (javelin) and Brenda Clark-Warne (distances).

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Freestyle skier Mike Macomber wins junior national title in Idaho

By Rick Harrison

Freestyle skier Mike Macomber of Andover refers to March as "hell month" because three of the most important national competitions in his sport are held back-to-back-to-back over a grueling three-week period.

But you won't hear Macomber complaining. National champions rarely do that.

The 18-year-old Union College freshman recently won the junior national title (18 years and under) in the men's upright combined division at the U.S. Junior Championships at Bogus Basin near Boise, Idaho.

He also took home second-place silver in the men's acro (acrobatic) discipline and third in the inverted combined discipline.

This impressive performance came in mid-March, days after a short plane ride from Big Mountain, Montana where Macomber earned two gold medals and a silver by placing first in acro, first in inverted combined and second in upright combined competition at the Chevy Truck Freestyle Junior Championships.

Macomber, who turns 19 in less than two weeks, placed lower in the mogul (22nd) and dual mogul (20th) competition.

He scored 23.35 points while beating a 22-man field in acro, 29.89 points in inverted combined and 26.33 as runner-up in a 12-man upright combined field.

Many of the men he beat came from Colorado, California, Idaho, Ohio, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota and Utah as well as every other New England state.

Following the Bogus Basin competition, Macomber barely had time to catch his breath before hopping another plane and flying back east to participate in the U.S. Freestyle Championships at Sunday River in Maine two weeks ago.

Macomber's best finish in Maine was fourth in the men's inverted combined competition.

"It was a rough week. I was tired from the travel. They don't usually schedule two meets just days apart on opposite sides of the country," he noted.

A quick primer for those who do not follow freestyle skiing closely.

Instead of racing down a mountain at breakneck speed against the clock — as slalom and giant slalom skiers do — freestylers perform jumps, flips and twists with judges handing out points for execution, degree of difficulty, landing and overall form.

"Inverted aerals, which is an Olympic sport, consists of hitting jumps and doing a series of flips and twists in the air before you land on a steep slope," said Macomber.

"Acro is performed on shorter runs with the flips and twists

done with the ski poles while the skier remains on the ground."

Mogul competition involves a clock but turns, body line and air control are equally important.

Mike, the eldest of three boys, was born in North Andover but the family has lived in Andover for the past seven years.

His parents, Hal and Rita, had all three of their sons on skis when they were about two or three years old.

Younger brother Ryan is a 16-year-old Andover High sophomore and a member of the AHS boys ski team, while 13-year-old Garrison is a 7th-grade middle school student.

Hal Macomber's construction job forced the family to move to several different locations for brief periods between their stays in North Andover and Andover.

Among those stops were Waterville Valley, N.H. and two years in Switzerland when Mike was in 4th and 5th grade — both locales conducive to improving the talents of a serious skier.

"I started competitive skiing when I was in the sixth grade," said Macomber. "We were living in New Hampshire and there was a ski club at Waterville. I joined the freestyle team because a lot of my friends were doing it."

A year later the family moved to Andover — and during the winter months Mike did what most skiers do and headed upcountry on weekends and winter vacations (he also instructs part-time at Waterville).

"I was pretty much a weekend warrior until a couple years ago," he said. "A lot of the guys I started out with have dropped off, but some have kept at it and we push each other to get better."

Mike was also a member of the Andover High ski team for four years — and team captain as a senior last year.

He never competed in the MIAA State Alpine Championship Meet, however. "I spent so much time up north I missed meets and didn't compete often enough to qualify," he explained.

Last year Macomber was advanced enough in freestyle skiing to qualify for his first Junior Nationals — held in Utah.

The competitive season runs from late December through early March. Those that qualify move on to the Nationals.

"It's pretty much an all-year sport for me now because I spend April to October training," said Macomber, who does not play any other sports.

In the summer Macomber trains in Lake Placid, N.Y. at a special water ramp facility. He lived at Lake Placid last summer and made constant use of the ramp.

"It's a plastic ramp you slide down and do jumps into a pool," he explained. "You can do a lot of the same moves you do on skis so

it's a good practice tool."

He has also trained at Blackcomb — a glacier two miles north of Vancouver in British Columbia.

Because the snow texture differs from the eastern (more ice) to western states, Macomber hopes to do some of his training out west this year.

In spite of the acrobatics Macomber has never broken a bone while skiing. "At least not that I remember," he said. "I've had sprained thumbs and muscle strains but that's all part of the normal wear and tear of the sport."

Macomber, who returned to classes at Union this past Monday, said earlier this week he was just finishing a rare week of "down time."

"I'll start running and weight training now to get ready for next year. The weight training gets more rigorous in the fall."

Because Union is on a trimester schedule, Macomber is able to work his ski competition around his classes with nary a conflict. He can also load up on extra classes if necessary.

"To be good at freestyle skiing you have to be in shape because it wears the body down," noted Macomber, who packs strength and power into his compact 5'7", 160-pound frame. "You need strong legs, a strong upper body and it helps to be quick."

"I wouldn't say you have to be fearless. Like anything else, once you've done the flips and twists so many times it becomes second nature."

"You also need mental toughness. You have to be committed to the sport so you can persevere through the tough times."

Because of his age, Macomber must step up to the Senior Division next year. Juniors are those 18 and under and Seniors are 19 and over.

"The bulk of the best skiers are between 22 and 29 years old," said Macomber. "There is no age limit. There is one 45-year-old guy who does really well — but it's rare to see someone still competing at that age."

If Macomber sticks with it his future could include the prestigious NorAms, World Cup or even Olympic competition.

"I definitely want to stay in the sport — but something like the Olympics is probably well down the road."

Macomber represents Waterville Valley whenever he competes. Until this year his parents have footed most of the bills for traveling, lodging and equipment expenses.

"They've been great all along the way. This past year I've handled as much as I can myself and there are a few sponsors who also help out."

After all, even a national champion needs some assistance.

AHS Roundup:

Boys volleyball team posts win over Central

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High 2000 spring sports season began earlier this week with the boys volleyball team registering a 2-0 Merrimack Valley Conference sweep of visiting Central Catholic at the Dunn Gym.

Tuesday's scheduled Peabody at Andover varsity baseball game was rained out and re-scheduled for yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) after *Townsmen* presstime.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Golden Warriors rolled to a 15-6 victory in game one and a 15-10 triumph in game two against Central.

"We passed and stroked the ball very well in the first game," said coach George Sullivan. "It was lights-out-time in the first game we were hitting so hard."

"All but one of our 10 kids played in the second game and the substitutions threw our rhythm off a little."

Senior middle hitter and Capt. Ryan Slavin led the attack with seven kills, 14-for-16 hitting and a perfect 5-for-5 serving.

Chris Morrissey finished 7-for-7 hitting, with five kills, and 16-for-18 serving with three aces.

Setter Kyle McCauley was 6-for-7 hitting and 5-for-6 serving, Brian Galluzzo 9-for-10 serving and 3-for-5

hitting, and junior Josh Brooks hit well in his first varsity match.

The AHS junior varsity took it on the chin in its opener, losing 2-0 to Central as the Raiders prevailed by game scores of 15-12 and 15-8.

A pre-match advertisement throughout the school, in conjunction with the Hunger Awareness program, asked for those going to the volleyball match to bring two cans of food.

"We ended the night with 700 cans," said coach Sullivan.

"Of course, they also mentioned that anyone coming would get an autographed picture of the coach and captains (Ryan Slavin, Kevin Hess). That promise of a picture probably had something to do with the turnout," joked Sullivan.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

ANDOVER 2, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 0 at Dunn Gym

Central Catholic	6	10
Andover	15	15

Individual Stats

Hitting: A, Ryan Slavin 14-for-16; Chris Morrissey 7-for-7; Kyle McCauley 6-for-7; Brian Galluzzo 3-for-5. **Kills:** A, Slavin 7, Morrissey 5. **Serving:** A, Morrissey 16-for-18; Galluzzo 9-for-10; Slavin 5-for-5; McCauley 5-for-6. **Service Aces:** A, Morrissey 3.

JV Score: Central Catholic 2, Andover 0.

Be a part of the park

Here's what to do if you want to be a part of the dedication project to name the Andover High varsity baseball field "Peter Aumais Park" in memory of former player and 1976 team captain Peter Aumais:

A bank account has been set up to fund the project and checks, made out to the "Peter T. Aumais Baseball Memorial Fund" should be mailed to Daniel Hayes, c/o Morris, Rossi & Hayes, 32 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810.

Anyone with questions, or wanting further information, may call Glenn Verrette at (617) 314-2815 (days) or 475-0664 (evenings).

The dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26 before the

Golden Warriors' Merrimack Valley Conference game with Dracut.

The inscription on the stone piece at the horseshoe-shaped monument, located off the walkway near the third base dugout, will read:

In memory of our 1976 baseball captain, Peter Aumais. His love for baseball, his teammates, family and friends will keep him forever young. Dedicated April 26, 2000.

It is also hoped that, at a later date, a sign reading "Peter Aumais Park" will be placed on the outside portion of the fence facing either Shawshen Road or the Andover High main driveway.

Andover High senior Mike Giles selected for Shriners Football Classic

Andover High senior All-Conference football player Mike Giles has been selected for the 21st annual Shriners High School All-Star Football Classic this summer.

The Classic will be played on Friday, June 23 at Boston University's Nickerson Field.

The game includes about 90 top senior players from throughout Massachusetts. Giles will play for the North team against the South.

Proceeds from the game go to support hundreds of girls and boys receiving treatment free of charge at the Shriners Hospitals for Children across the country.

Giles, a running-back/linebacker, finished last season with a team-high 14 touchdowns, 84 points and over 700 yards rushing for Andover.

For his AHS career Giles had 132 points and over 1,000 yards rushing.

Baseball powers to collide in showcase

Four traditional Eastern Mass. high school baseball powers will collide in the inaugural Inter-scholastic Baseball Showcase on Saturday, April 15 at the soon-to-be-dedicated Peter Aumais Memorial Field at Andover High. See related story, page 35.

In addition to host Andover, competing teams will be Brockton, New Bedford and Chelmsford.

The format will be Big Three teams Brockton and New Bedford versus Merrimack Valley Conference teams Andover and Chelmsford. Two games will be scheduled at both 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Peter Aumais, for whom the AHS varsity baseball field will be named, was an outstanding multi-

sport athlete (catcher in baseball) who was killed as a teenager in a tragic automobile accident that happened several hundred yards from his home, at the corner of Washington and Elm Streets.

The car in which Aumais was a passenger was struck broadside by an impaired driver.

Peter's father, Dick, is a highly-respected long-time Andover police officer who retired several years ago and still lives in town. Another of Aumais' sons, Matt, is a state police officer.

In his youth the elder Aumais was an outstanding baseball player in several area amateur leagues.

Coach seeks information on Andover High, Punchard teams

Any former player, family member or friend having any information about Andover High, Punchard High or Punchard Free School football or baseball teams, please send it to or contact Ken Maglio, West Middle School, 70 Shawsheen Road, Andover, MA 01810. The telephone

number is 623-8709.

Maglio, head varsity coach of both sports at AHS, is looking for pictures, original or copied newspaper clippings, statistics, records, names of outstanding players or anything else that might help in researching the programs.

Baseball camp begins in June

The seventh annual Andover Warrior Summer Baseball School will be held in three different sessions, beginning June 26, at Andover West Middle School.

The three sessions will run June 26-30, July 10-14 and July 17-21.

Daily sessions, for youngsters ages 7-15 years, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school.

The program, which is open to all area ballplayers who meet the age requirements, is run by the Andover

High varsity coaching staff along with past and present AHS players.

The fundamentals of hitting, bunting, fielding, throwing, catching, baserunning and position play will be emphasized.

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For further information contact Ken Maglio at 623-8709.

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April is Stress Awareness Month, designated as a month-long promotion of public awareness of what stress is, what causes it to occur, and what can be done about it. If you would like more information on the impact stress can have on your dental health, or if you have any questions about your teeth and gums, we invite your call at 475-2431. We're always happy to tell you about good oral hygiene and the many ways modern dentistry can contribute to your overall health and well-being. We're located at 296 Lowell Street, Rt 133, with easy access off Rt 93.

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Brenda Petzold places second on slopes

Brenda Petzold of Andover placed second in the women's division aerials competition at the recent U.S. Freestyle Ski Championships held at Sunday River in Maine.

Petzold scored 149.80 points to

grab the silver medal and finish just behind Kelly Hilliman of Tonawanda, N.Y. who had 155.44 points.

Slightly breezy conditions slowed the competition during the finals.

Tennis team completes indoor season

The girls varsity tennis team representing Northmeadow Fitness Club in Tewksbury recently completed its indoor season by reaching the league semifinal playoffs.

The league format consists of singles and doubles play at the under-12, 14, 16 and 18 age levels, with matches played against other indoor tennis clubs located north of Boston.

This is the first time a Northmead-

ow junior team has qualified for the playoffs.

Andover girls on the team include Shannon Fitzgerald, Grace Gertie, Casey Mitrano, Alex Brody, Christy Spang, Lauren Fitzgerald, Jenn Hornung, Jessie Szafarz, Carolyn Purcell and Amy Axelrod.

The team is coached by Chris Parsons, Joan Axelrod, Mary MacDonald, John Tracy and Tara Dutton.

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field, featuring Brian Milligan, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$15, tie and jacket required, black tie optional.

Workshop, "Building a Toolbox for Inclusion," sponsored by the Department of Mental Retardation and the Coalition for Educational Advocacy, for people with disabilities, Harrows Function Room, Main Street (Rte. 28), Reading, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$10, registration required, Marti Wenzel, (781) 942-4888, Ext. 19.

Open House, Montserrat College of Art, 23 Essex St., Beverly, 5:30 to 8 p.m., free.

Jesus Christ Superstar, Colonial Chorus Players, W.S. Parker Middle School, 45 Temple St., Reading, 8 p.m., \$14 adults, \$10 students, seniors.

The Mousetrap, Quannapowitt Players, 55 Hopkins St., Reading, 8 p.m., \$20, (781) 942-2212.

Late Nite Catechism, Cyrus W. Irish Auditorium, Lowell High School, 7 p.m., \$20, (978) 454-2299.

Comedy Escape, Steve Bjork, Dan Savage, Ira Proctor, China Blossom, North Andover, 9:30 p.m., \$10 to \$12.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Concert, "Kasia's Concert for the Critters" benefits MSPCA

Methuen Shelter, Doherty Middle School, 7 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 children under 12 and seniors.

Conference, "Practical Alzheimer's Care," 12th annual Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's Conference, Wyndham, Olde River Road, Andover, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., (978) 683-7747 to register.

Concert, Greg Brown, New Moon Coffeehouse, junction of routes 110 and 125, Haverhill, 8 p.m., \$18.

Jesus Christ Superstar, 8 p.m., see April 14 entry.

The Mousetrap, Quannapowitt Players, see April 14 entry.

Late Nite Catechism, see April 14 entry.

Comedy Escape, see April 14 entry.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, 23 hours, Harold Rafton Reservation, meet at 1:30 p.m., near parking lot at leaf-recycling, High Plain Road, Andover; Marta Hornidge 475-3595.

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, 40th Annual Wapack Trail Hike, first section, 7 miles, register with trip leader by April 14; Larry Blood (781) 944-0929; <lblood@sprynet.com>.

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ONGOING

Theatre

Guys and Dolls, performed by Merrimack College's On-Stagers, shows April 6-7, 8 p.m.; April 8, 6:30 p.m. pre-theater dinner with an 8 p.m. curtain; April 9, 2 p.m.; \$12 general admission, \$10 student/staff/senior citizen, \$22 per person for April 8 performance by calling box office at 837-5088, Merrimack College, junction of Rt. 114 and 125, North Andover; (978) 837-LINK (-5465).

The Front Page, March 31-April 30, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., \$18.50-\$32.50, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.

Hayavadana, presented by Tufts students, April 6-8, April 13-15, 8 p.m., \$8 general public, \$5 with valid Tufts ID, Balch Arena Theatre, Tufts University, Medford/Somerville campus; (617) 627-3493,

weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Brigadoon, presented by the Valley Players, through April 22, Thursday, Friday, Saturday shows 8:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., Sunday show 6:30 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., Sunday matinees dinner noon, show 1 p.m., dinner and show \$22-\$30, show only \$10.50-\$12.50, Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.



Guys and Dolls, performed by Merrimack College's On-Stagers, April 6-9 at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts.

Jungle Book featuring Rishabh

Iyer of Andover as Mowgli, Wheelock Family Theatre, 180 The Riverway, Boston, April 7 through May 7, Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 3 p.m., \$10 to \$17, (617) 734-4760.

Oliver with a Twist, a musical spoof of *Oliver*, *Annie*, *Les Miz*, *Godzilla* and *Gone with the Wind*, presented by Neverland Theatre, April 6-7, 7 p.m., April 8, 4 and 7:15 p.m., April 9, 2:30 and 6 p.m., \$10, wheelchair accessible, audience members invited to bring a canned good to benefit local food pantry, Hamilton-Wenham Community House, Rte. 1A, Hamilton; (978) 468-1191.

O.A.T.S. Premier: Two Plays, through April 9, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinee 4 p.m., \$10, Actors' Studio of Marc Clopton & Anna Smolowitz at the Tannery, 12 Federal St., Newburyport; (978) 463-0974.

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Quannapowitt Players, Fridays and Saturdays April 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 and May 5-6 at 8 p.m., Sunday April 30 at 3 p.m., Reading; (781) 942-2212.

Museums and Historic Homes
Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children,

members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.
North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults

for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, trolley rides, Pawtucket Canal Tour, Working People Exhibit at Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open daily, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 youth 6-16 and students, senior discount, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

Canal tours, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.,

Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

New England Quilt Museum, Mood Indigo: Antique quilts, March 30 through May 21, hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, The Saltonstall Family Portraits, A Folk Art Sampler, all ongoing, *Suggestive Curves, The Art of Watercraft*, through May 7, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10

a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

Cushing House Museum, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

Wenham Museum, Please Be Seated: Fine Furniture Making in America, through April 16; Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, handicap accessible, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, Scenarios: Recent Work by Lorna Simpson, April 4-July 31, Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; (978) 749-4015.

Brush Art Gallery, Perspectiva Lat-

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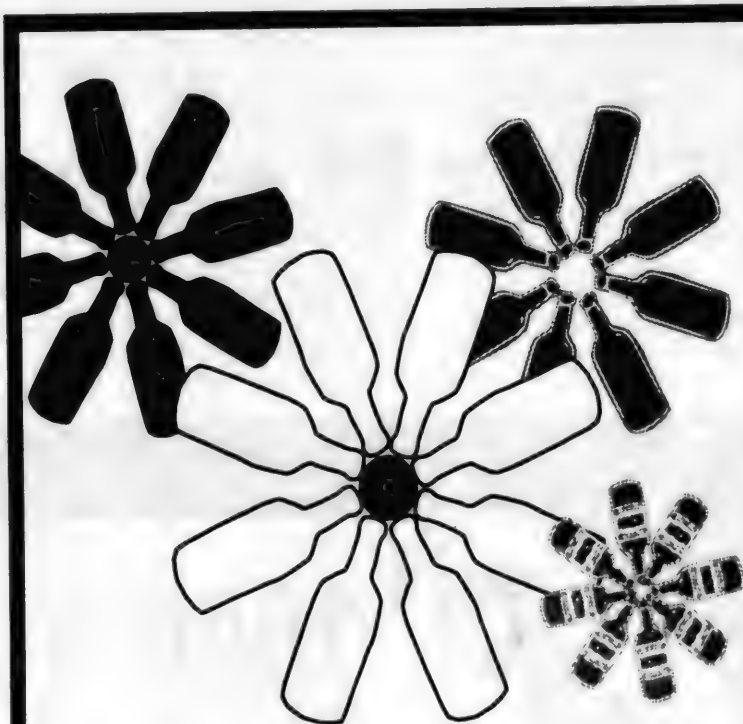
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na: Latin American Artists from New England, through April 2, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; (978) 232-2250, Interior Designs: An Exhibit of Work by Interior Design Firms through April 27.

Essex Art Center, Spring 2000 through May 19, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Two Generations of Westons: Edward, Cole, and Brett, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., wheelchair accessible, \$3, \$2 seniors, members, students and children, free, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; (781) 729-1158.

Robert Lehman Art Center, Tues-

day-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon; Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; (978) 725-6232.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, March 29-April 26, Art in General, WPA, Reception Sunday, March 26, 4-6 p.m., Artists of the New Hampshire Art Association present recent works in an open exhibit, WPA, a special exhibition of historic memorabilia featuring NHAA artists, Main Gallery, 136 State St., Portsmouth, NH, Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m.; (603) 431-4230.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; (978) 927-5964, recent works of artists Ruth Franson and Bill Franson, April 11 through May 19.

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Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Bravos Arts Gallery, spring exhibit of new work and new artists including T. Alexander Ross' small format landscapes of the upper midwest, and artist and teacher James R. Chisholm's oversized traditional area landscapes, also, ongoing permanent collection from abstract artist Doris Anthony; Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 1 East Main St., Georgetown; (978) 352-8102.

Ocmulgee Pottery and Gallery, pottery by Steve Ward and Laura Verrette, April 8-30, Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., Evenings when classes are in session, 317 High St., Route 1A, Ipswich; (978) 356-0636

Wenniger Gallery, aquatints and etchings presented by Elizabeth Morris, through April, Wenniger Gallery, 19 Mt. Pleasant St., Rockport, season's opening party, Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, April 2, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; (978) 546-8116.

Saltbox Gallery, presents fine arts and crafts, silent auction through April 15, Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; (978) 887-3844.

McCoy Gallery, Articulations: Works in Mixed Media, exhibition by Richard Newman, through April 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, junction of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; Jocelyne Faubach 837-5190.



◀ **Castle of Dreams** by Richard Newman, through April 15 at McCoy Gallery, in the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College.

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sands of lung cancer deaths each year. Statistics reveal that more than one-third of homes in the area have radon levels that exceed EPA guidelines.

Dick said that the radon issue usually surfaces in real estate transactions during the home inspection process. If high levels are found resulting from radon testing, the issue must be remedied. He recommends radon testing to be done before homeowners decide to sell their home.

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Andovers, and in most cases reducing radon levels by more than 90%. The remediation system used is inconspicuous, takes up a small space, and uses little electricity. Dick said that he is by far the most experienced radon professional in northeastern Massachusetts, and is definitely the person to call.

Dick and his wife Marcia reside in Andover with their daughter Kate. Call Radon Diagnostic Services at (978) 475-1977 for a free telephone consultation or any questions concerning radon. They also offer a free home estimate with guaranteed radon reductions. 4/6/00 Laurie Levy

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'Sleeping Beauty' awakens Sunday at the Collins Center

Dance Prism's new production of the classic fairy tale *Sleeping Beauty* premieres this Sunday, April 9 at the Collins Center at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 and \$10 for seniors and children.

It will also be presented by Hudson Area Arts Alliance at Hudson High School on Saturday, April 8 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m.

The ballet originated in 1890 at the Maryinski Theater in St. Petersburg, choreographed by Russian ballet's mastermind Marius Petipa to Tchaikovsky's most luxuriant score.

"A classic tale of the triumph of goodness and generosity over evil and vengeance, the ballet reflects an exuberant compound of fairy magic and impending doom, royal pageantry and good natured rustic playfulness," said Mary Demaso, Dance Prism's artistic director.

Organ Fund celebrates its 30th at Music Hall

The 30th anniversary of the Gomidas Organ Fund at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall will be celebrated in grand style.

On Sunday, April 9, Berj

Zamkochian and the Festival Orchestra will perform under the direction of conductor Jeffrey Brody, who is the composer of a work to receive its first performance. It's called *The Haec Dies (This is the day) for Organ and Orchestra*, and is dedicated to organist Berj Zamkochian.

The show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the artists circle and \$12 general admission.

The Gomidas Organ Fund started 30 years ago. The goal was to purchase five organs for the Erevan Conservatory of Music in Armenia, thus making it possible for that school to establish an organ department. Since then, 13 organs have been sent to Armenia. Organs have gone to all parts of the world including the Mechitarist Monastery at San Lazzaro, Venice, Italy.

This special collaboration marks the second time that organist Zamkochian and composer-director Brody have teamed up. Five years ago, they performed together in Methuen.

The program will include the *Handel Organ Concerto in F Major Number 4, Prelude and Allegro* by Boston composer Walter Piston and the *Francis Poulenc Organ Concerto*, which Zamkochian has recorded for RCA Victor and with the Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Charles Munch. The work is about to be re-released for the fourth time. Zamkochian's recording of the *Poulenc Concerto* and the *Saint-Saens Organ Symphony* with Munch and the Boston Symphony has



Photo by Kathy Joyce

A group of local Suzuki violin students, ages 7 to 12, will perform a short concert at the Andover Senior Center on Bartlet Street on Tuesday, April 11. The concert starts at 4 p.m. and is free of charge. To reserve a seat, call Pat Becker at the Senior Center at 623-8321. Giving a preview of the performance are Ann Marie O'Brien (at left), Emily Patterson (center), and Emily Scoble.

been called "two of the 50 most important recordings of all time" by the *New York Times*.

Local residents shine in NRTW's Gershwin tribute

Two Andover residents are appearing in the upcoming production of *S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous, S'Gershwin* by the North Regional Theatre Workshop.

The show is a tribute in both song and dance to George and Ira Gershwin. The famous brothers wrote hundreds of songs and the NRTW Chorus, with more than 40 voices, will bring the music to life.

Sharon Fluet and Jane Vondell, both of Andover, are appearing in the performances on Saturday, April 15

at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 16 at 3 p.m. at Wilmington High School Auditorium, Route 62, Wilmington.

Other actors from Merrimack Valley in this produc-

tion include Paul Greene, Denis Webster, Cheryl Condon and Barbara Calt Dooley.

All seats are reserved. Call (978) 658-0192 for ticket information.



Jane Vondell, Barbara Calt Dooley, Paul Greene, Cheryl Condon, Denis Webster and Sharon Fluet appear in the North Regional Theatre Workshop's production of *S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous, S'Gershwin* next weekend.

MEETINGS, ETC.

Alateen, ages 12 and over, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking (Al-Anon meeting, for adults, meets at same time elsewhere in building), every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover.

Al-Anon, for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover.

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; (978) 251-3329 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; (978) 256-9391 or (978) 448-5002.

Al-Anon 12 step meeting, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. William's Church, Route 38, Tewksbury; (978) 256-9391.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are wel-

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come to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 687-8225.

BNI Business Network International, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna (978) 640-8919 or Steve (978) 975-1328.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Drum and dance, rhythm instruction, third Friday of month, 7:30 p.m., free-form drumming and dancing, 8 p.m., some percussion instruments available for sharing or bring own, Unitarian Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 470-1134.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage (781) 329-1741.

Free GED (General Educational Development) classes at the Adult Learning Center, Beverly Campus of the North Shore Community College, 112 Sohier Road, Beverly, Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. beginning March 27. Evening classes at Wellspring House, 302 Essex Ave., Gloucester, Mondays and Wednesdays 6-9 p.m. beginning April 3. Call (978) 762-4000 Ext. 5573 or -5452 for information.

Kenoza TOPS, for people interested in losing weight, Thursday meetings, 6-6:30 p.m., \$1 weekly dues, Haverhill Alliance Church; Shirley (978) 373-1825, Charlene (978) 346-4018 or Carol (603) 382-6146.

Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), an organization for retirees and semiretired, meets every Monday during spring semester for

seminars in world religions and world politics of the future, every Tuesday for seminars in art appreciation and every Thursday for seminars in foreign policy and science and technology, UMass-Lowell, Fox Hall, North Campus; (978) 934-3135.

Memorial Hall Library, book discussion every fourth Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Activity Room, Elm Square; Nan Stevens 683-7377.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 623-8321.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

(SEAL) Case No. 262887

To Joyce E. Galvin, Karen Galvin, Kevin Galvin and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: NationsCredit Financial Services Corporation claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 22 Fosters Pond Road given by Joyce E. Galvin, Karen Galvin and Kevin Galvin to WMC Mortgage Corporation dated January 25, 1999 and recorded in Essex County Registry of Deeds in Book 5330, Page 312, and now held by Plaintiff by Assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 8th day of May 2000, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 22nd day of March, 2000
Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder

April 6, 2000

Mortgagee's Sale Of Real Estate Premises: A2 Colonial Drive, Unit A2-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium Andover, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Janine A. Mulligan to First Franklin Financial Corporation, dated May 4, 1999, recorded at Essex County (North District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5420, Page 304, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P0611-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF FLORENCE RUSSEM otherwise known as FLORENCE V. RUSSEM

To all persons interested in the estate of FLORENCE RUSSEM otherwise known as FLORENCE V. RUSSEM late of the County of Essex Date of Death, December 8, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by THEODORE L. RUSSEM of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving sureties on his bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 24, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date March 21, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
From the Office of:
Peter J. Caruso, Esq.
1 Elm Square
Andover, MA 01810
(978) 475-2200

April 6, 2000

May 4, 2000 at 11:00 A.M. upon the mortgaged premises at A2 Colonial Drive, Unit A2-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium, Andover, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"The following described premises in the Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium created by Master Deed dated June 16, 1987 and recorded on June 17, 1987 with the Essex North Registry of Deeds at Book 2522, Page 105, as amended of record, being Unit Number A2-7, together with an undivided percentage interest appertaining to said Unit in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium, and subject to and with the benefit of the provision of said Master Deed hereinabove referred to, as amended, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, and managed and regulated by the Trustee's of Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium Trust under Declaration of Trust dated as of June 16, 1987 and recorded with said Deeds at Book 2522, Page 137. The Post Office address of the property is Unit A2-7, Andover's Colonial Drive Condominium, A2 Colonial Drive, Andover, MA 01810.

Said Unit contains 830 square feet as shown on floor plans recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and also on the copy of the portion of said plans attached to the original Unit Deed, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

The Unit is conveyed together with the benefit of easements and rights as described in the original Unit Deed and in the Master Deed.

The Unit is subject to easements, restriction and rights as set forth and described in the original Unit Deed and the Master Deed.

Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Susan Klein, Trustee of JEDS Realty Trust, recorded herewith."

In the event of any typographical errors in the publication of this notice, the description in the mortgage shall control.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale and shall be deposited with J. Patrick Kinhan, Esq., of Topsfield, Massachusetts.

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APPLICANT: Colonial Drive Condominium Trust
PERMIT NO.: 104193 (2-96)

FACILITY LOCATION: Colonial Drive, Andover

TYPE OF DISCHARGE: 31,110 gallons per day

PROPOSED ACTION: Tentative Determination to Issue a Renewal Permit

A copy of the application, draft permit, and statement of basis or fact sheet relative to the draft permit may be obtained from the Department's Permit Section at the above address and telephone number. Comments on the proposed action or requests for a public hearing thereon pursuant to 314 CMR 2.07 must be filed with the Department at the above address within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Madelyn Morris
Deputy Regional Director
Bureau of Resource Protection

April 6, 2000

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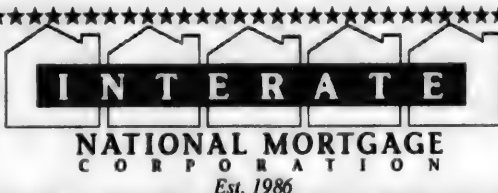
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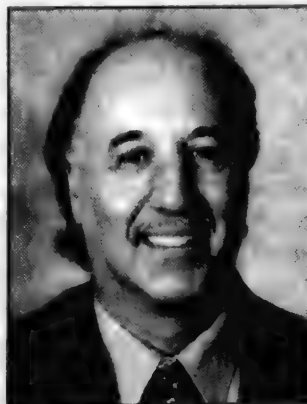
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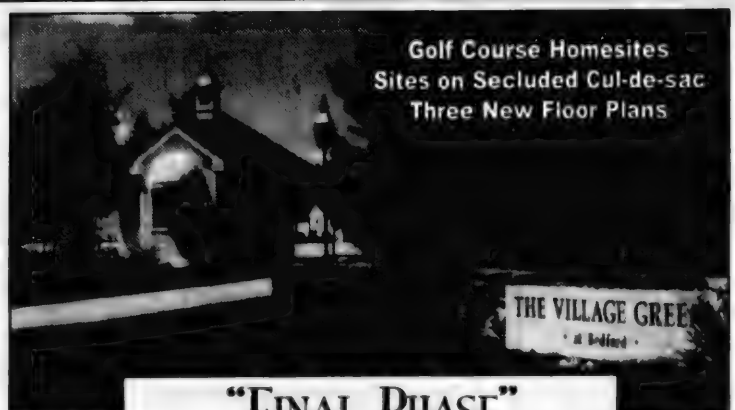
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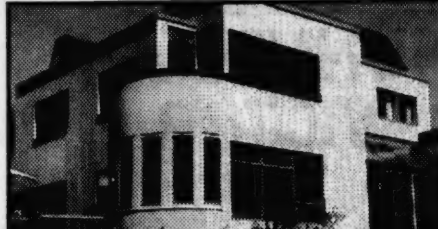
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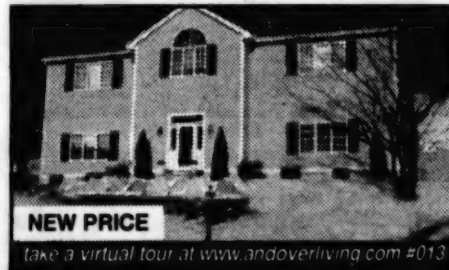
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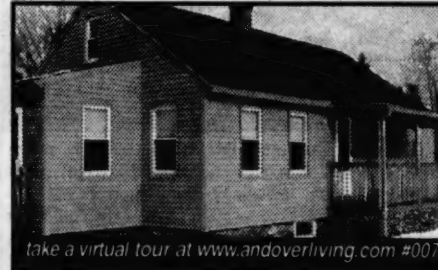
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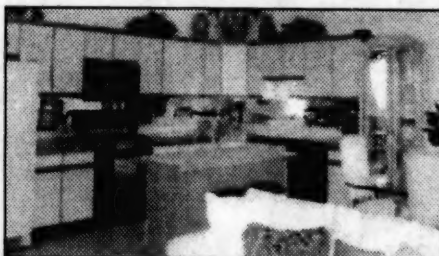
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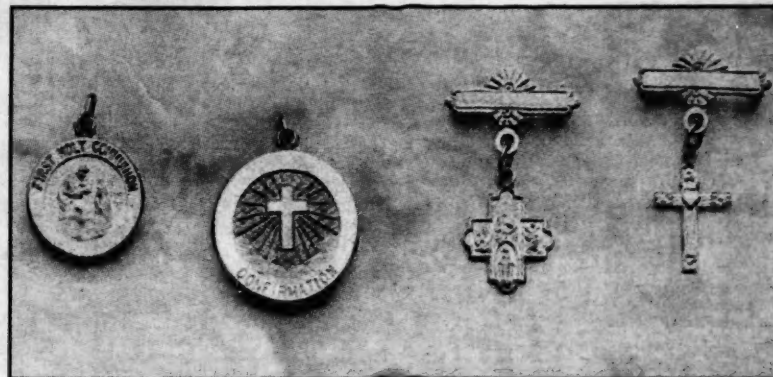


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